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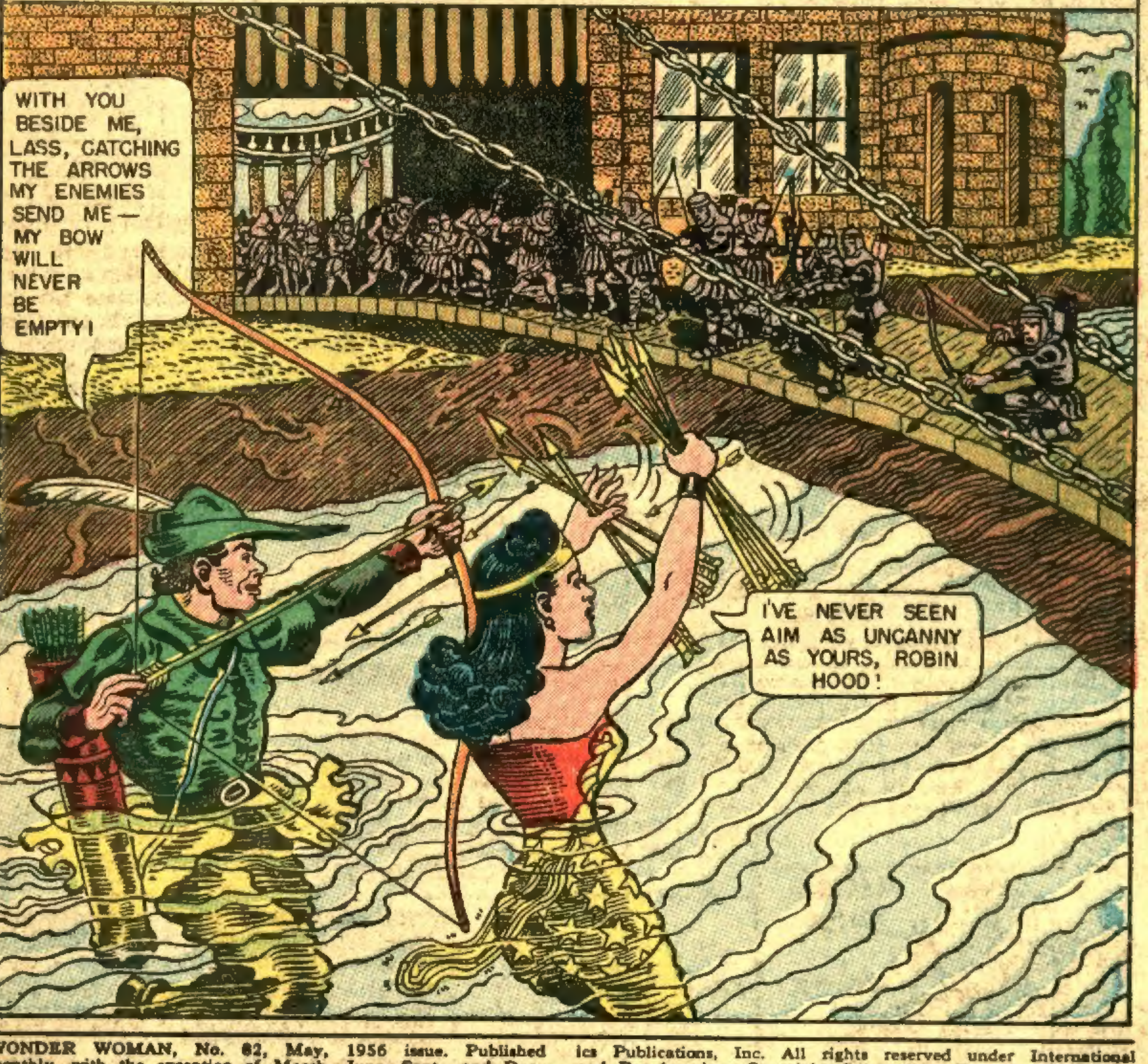
"WONDER WOMAN *MEETS* ROBIN HOOD!"


WITH YOU BESIDE ME, LASS, CATCHING THE ARROWS MY ENEMIES SEND ME—MY BOW WILL NEVER BE EMPTY!
I'VE NEVER SEEN AIM AS UNCANNY AS YOURS, ROBIN HOOD!

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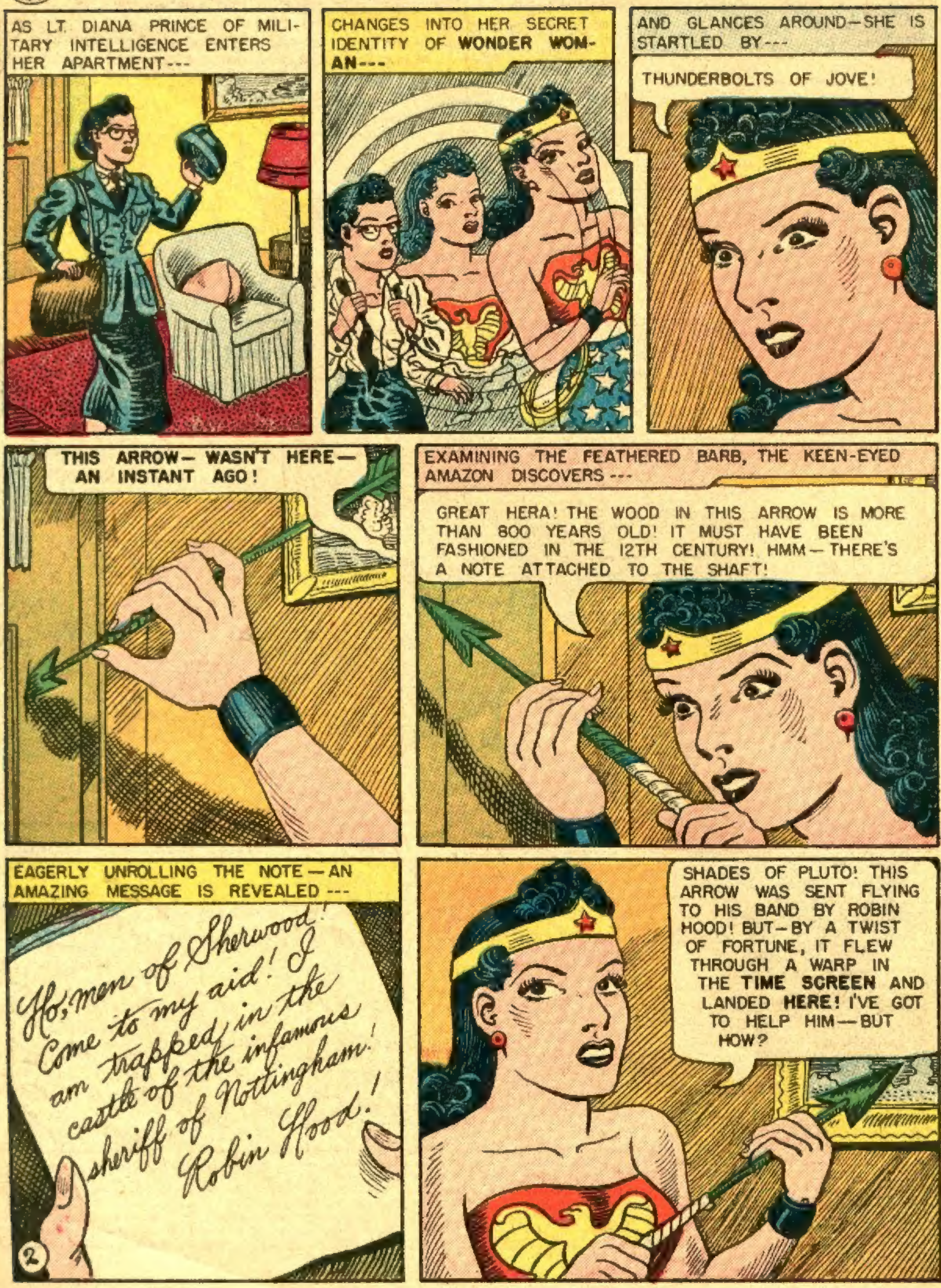
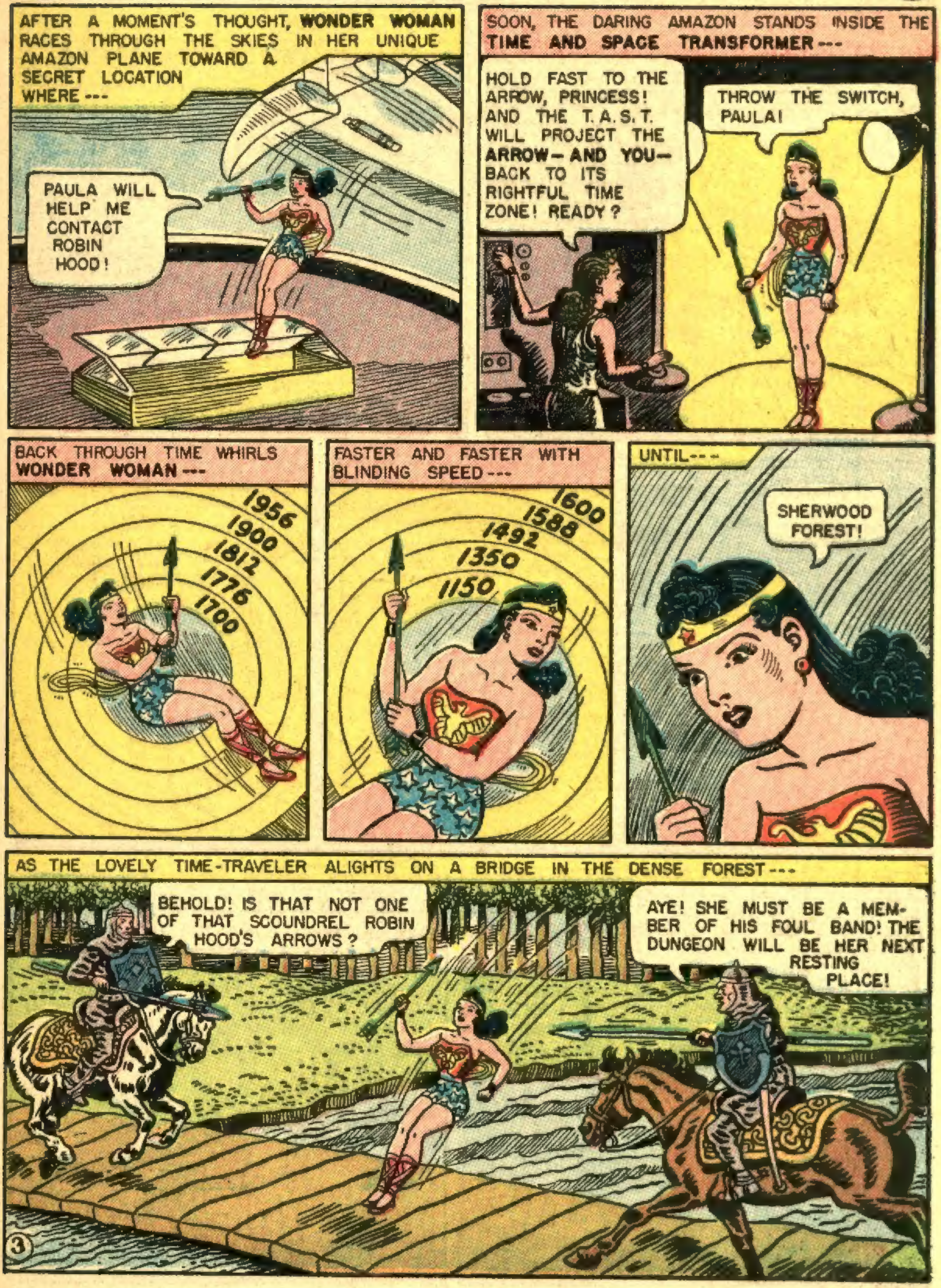

AS LT. DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ENTERS HER APARTMENT---
CHANGES INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF **WONDER WOMAN**---
AND GLANCES AROUND—SHE IS STARTLED BY---
THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE!
THIS ARROW— WASN'T HERE— AN INSTANT AGO!
EXAMINING THE FEATHERED BARB, THE KEEN-EYED AMAZON DISCOVERS---
GREAT HERA! THE WOOD IN THIS ARROW IS MORE THAN 800 YEARS OLD! IT MUST HAVE BEEN FASHIONED IN THE 12TH CENTURY! HMM—THERE'S A NOTE ATTACHED TO THE SHAFT!
EAGERLY UNROLLING THE NOTE—AN AMAZING MESSAGE IS REVEALED---
Ho, men of Sherwood! Come to my aid! I am trapped in the castle of the infamous sheriff of Nottingham! Robin Hood!
SHADES OF PLUTO! THIS ARROW WAS SENT FLYING TO HIS BAND BY ROBIN HOOD! BUT—BY A TWIST OF FORTUNE, IT FLEW THROUGH A WARP IN THE **TIME SCREEN** AND LANDED **HERE!** I'VE GOT TO HELP HIM—BUT HOW?


AFTER A MOMENT'S THOUGHT, WONDER WOMAN RACES THROUGH THE SKIES IN HER UNIQUE AMAZON PLANE TOWARD A SECRET LOCATION WHERE ---
PAULA WILL HELP ME CONTACT ROBIN HOOD!
SOON, THE DARING AMAZON STANDS INSIDE THE TIME AND SPACE TRANSFORMER ---
HOLD FAST TO THE ARROW, PRINCESS! AND THE T.A.S.T. WILL PROJECT THE ARROW — AND YOU — BACK TO ITS RIGHTFUL TIME ZONE! READY?
THROW THE SWITCH, PAULA!
BACK THROUGH TIME WHIRLS WONDER WOMAN ---
1956
1900
1812
1776
1700
FASTER AND FASTER WITH BLINDING SPEED ---
1600
1588
1492
1350
1150
UNTIL ---
SHERWOOD FOREST!
AS THE LOVELY TIME-TRAVELER ALIGHTS ON A BRIDGE IN THE DENSE FOREST ---
BEHOLD! IS THAT NOT ONE OF THAT SCOUNDREL ROBIN HOOD'S ARROWS?
AYE! SHE MUST BE A MEMBER OF HIS FOUL BAND! THE DUNGEON WILL BE HER NEXT RESTING PLACE!
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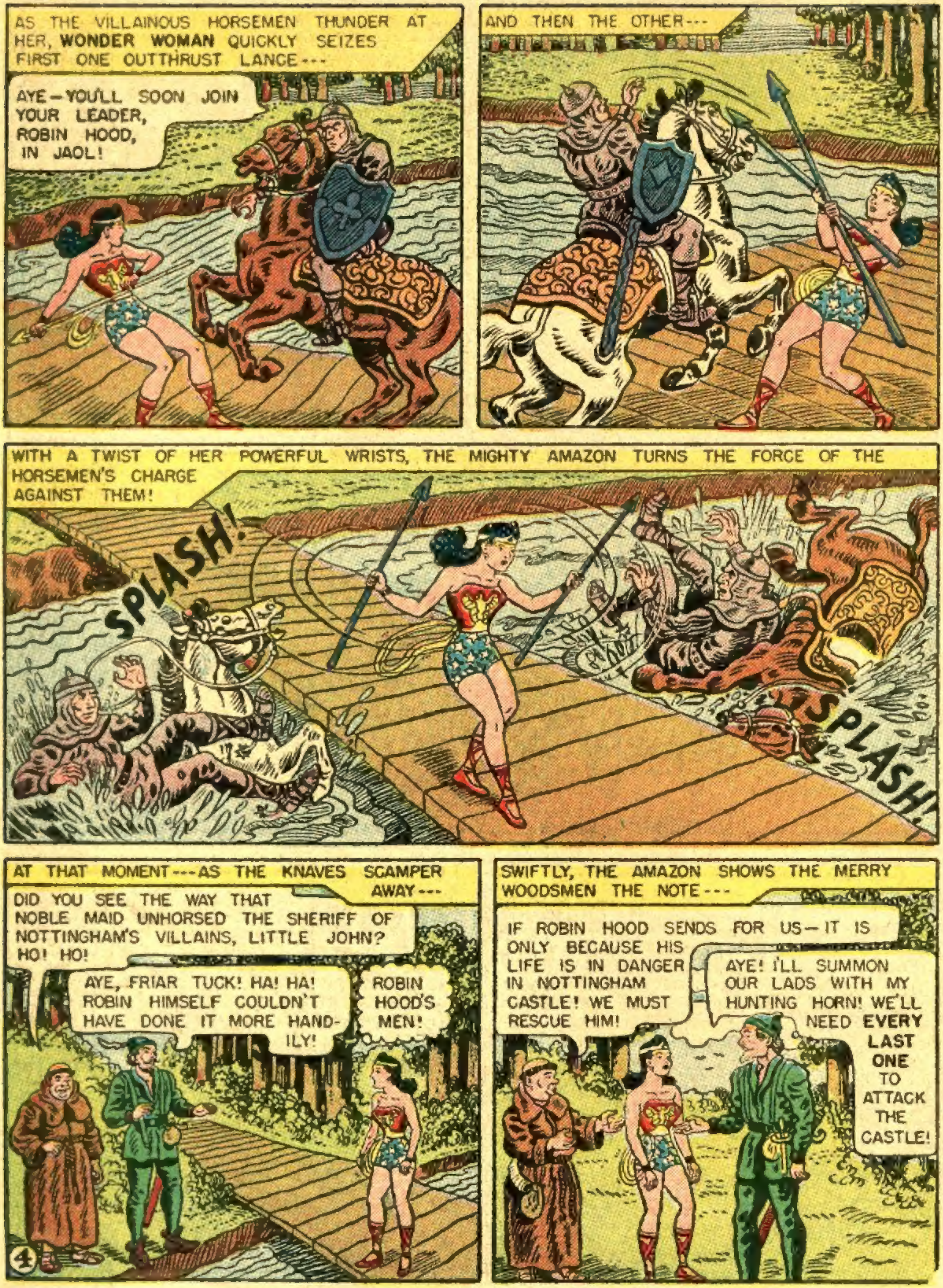
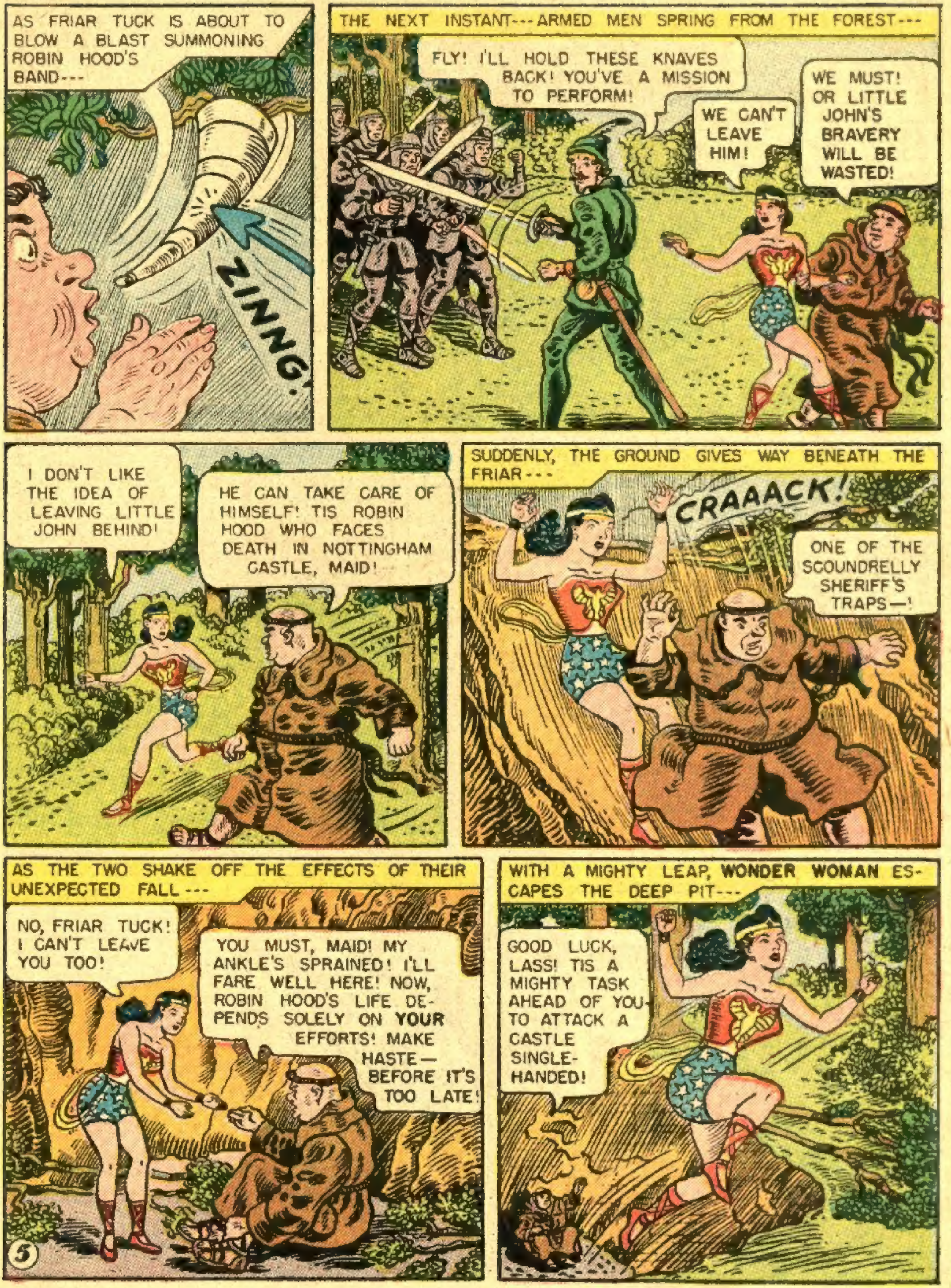
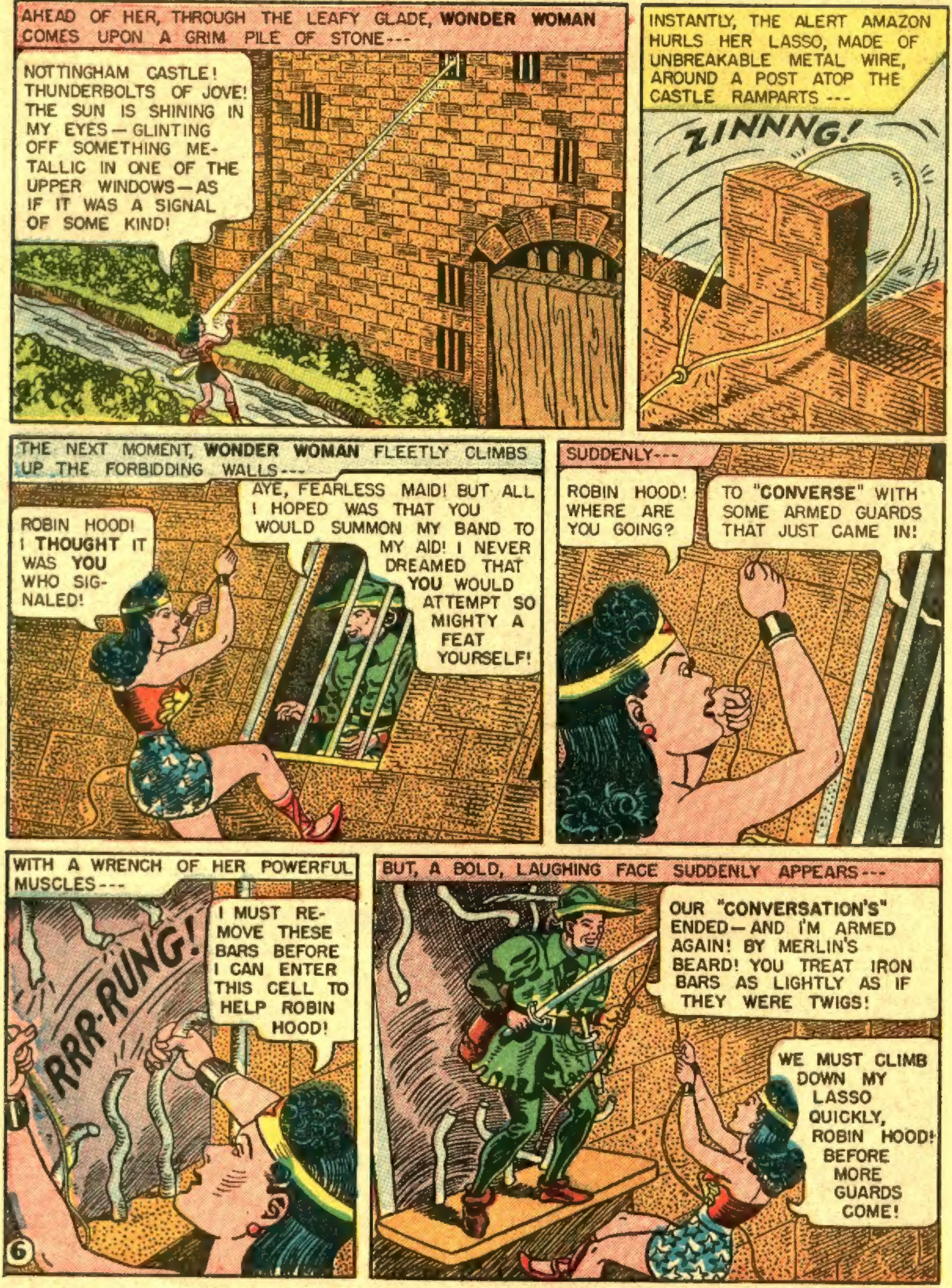
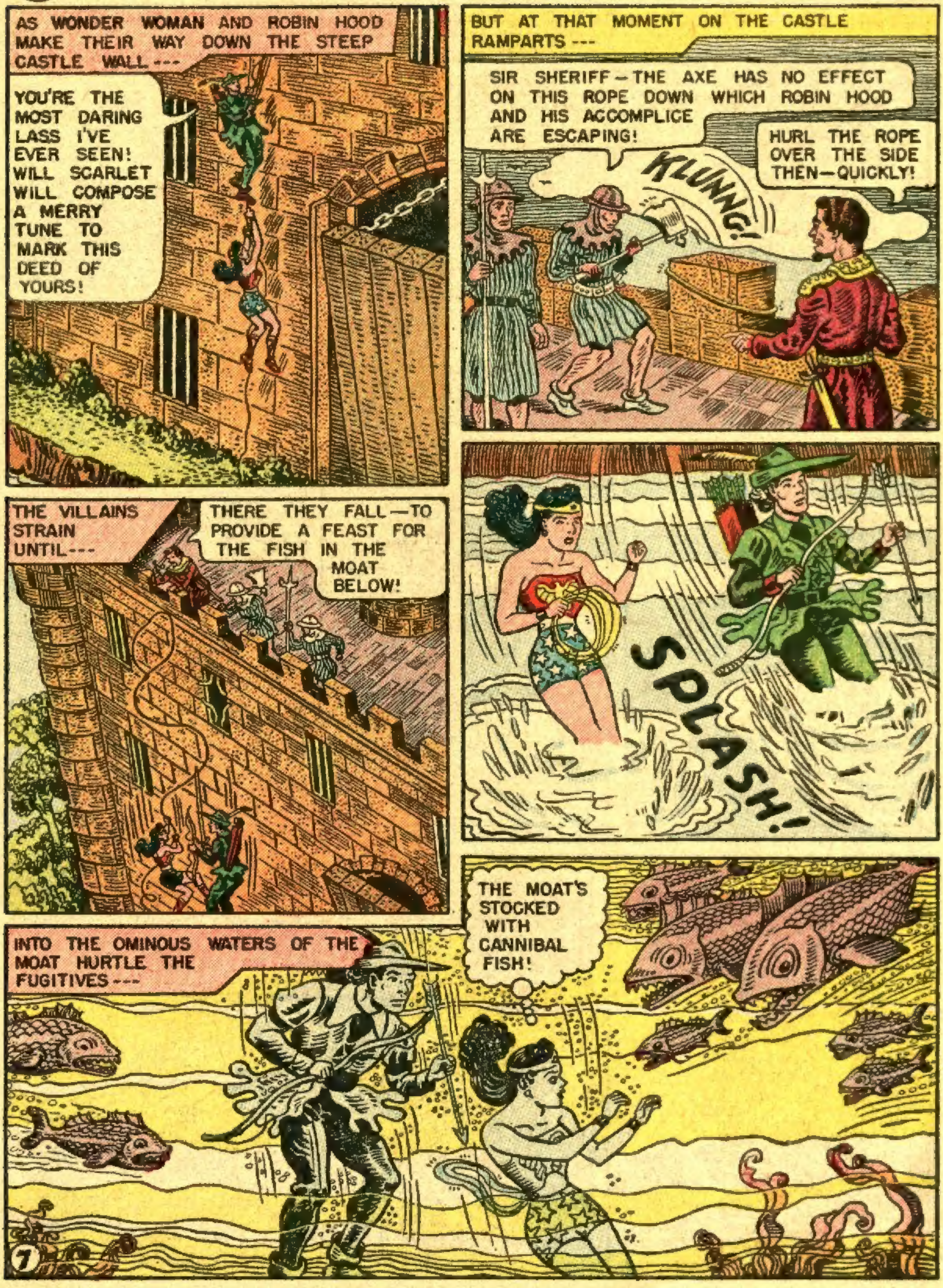
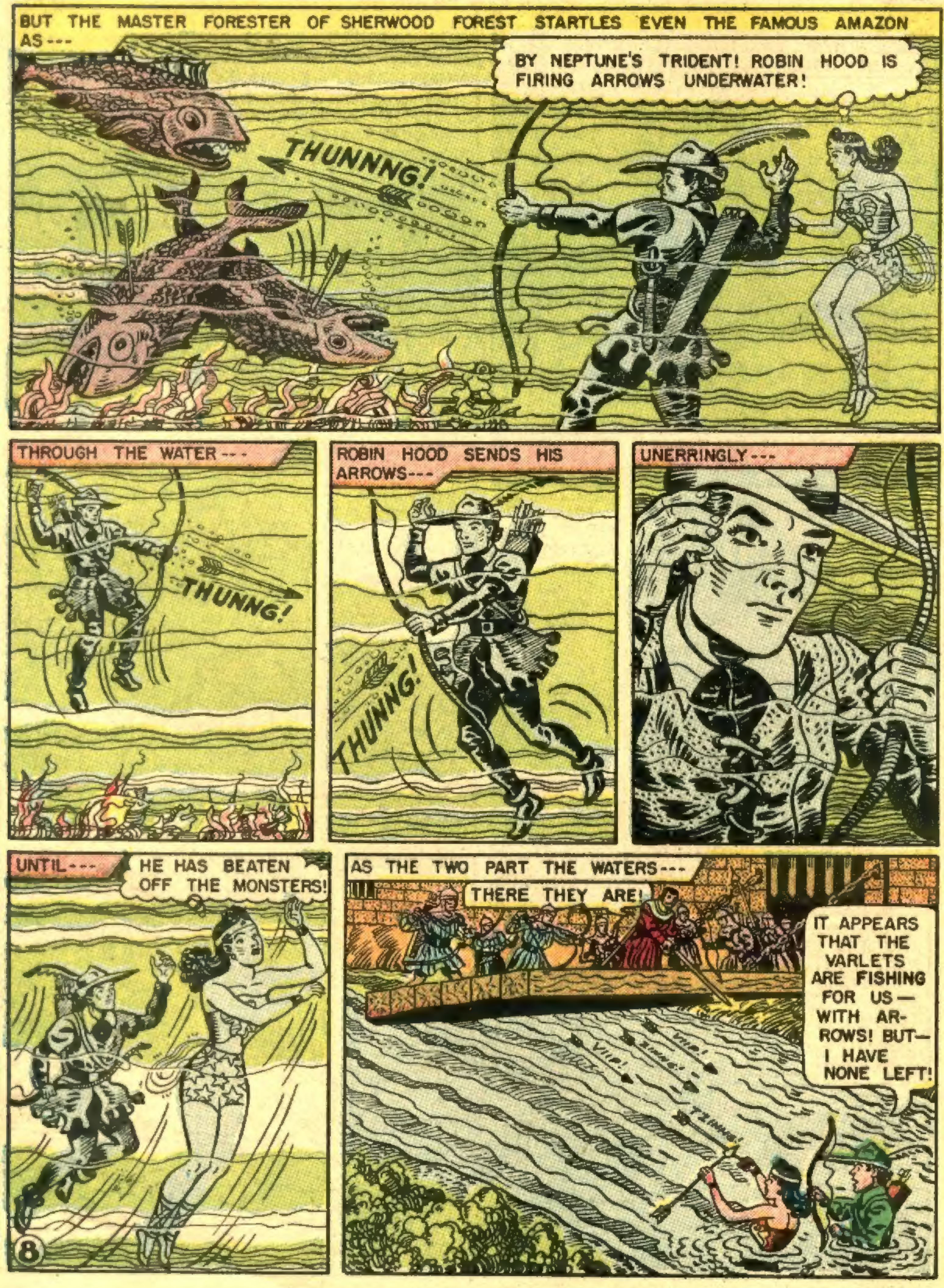
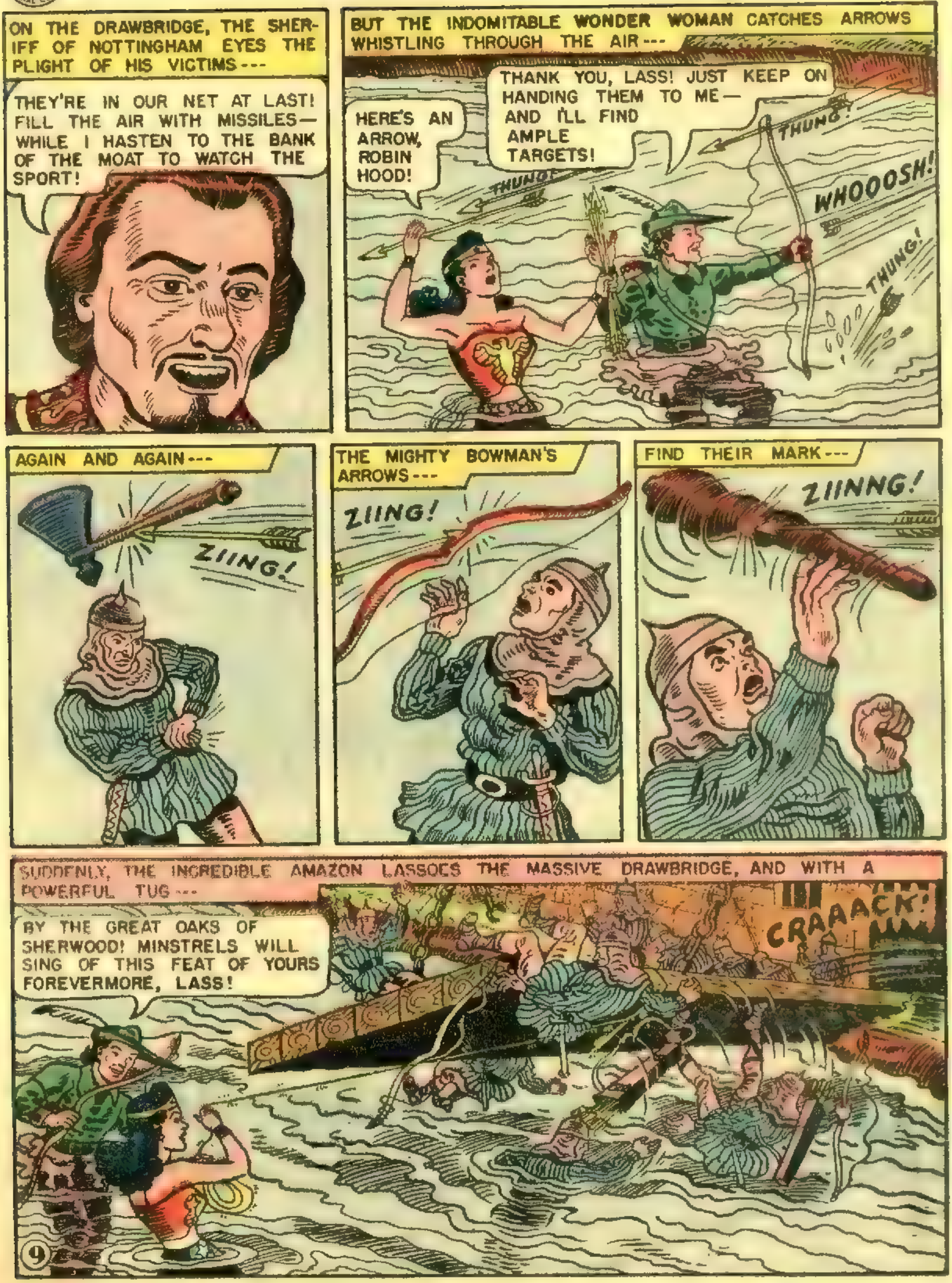

AS THE VILLAINOUS HORSEMEN THUNDER AT HER, **WONDER WOMAN** QUICKLY SEIZES FIRST ONE OUTTHRUST LANCE---
AYE—YOU'LL SOON JOIN YOUR LEADER, ROBIN HOOD, IN JAOL!
AND THEN THE OTHER---
WITH A TWIST OF HER POWERFUL WRISTS, THE MIGHTY AMAZON TURNS THE FORCE OF THE HORSEMEN'S CHARGE AGAINST THEM!
SPLASH!
SPLASH!
AT THAT MOMENT---AS THE KNAVES SCAMPER AWAY---
DID YOU SEE THE WAY THAT NOBLE MAID UNHORSED THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM'S VILLAINS, LITTLE JOHN? HO! HO!
AYE, FRIAR TUCK! HA! HA! ROBIN HIMSELF COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT MORE HANDILY!
ROBIN HOOD'S MEN!
SWIFTLY, THE AMAZON SHOWS THE MERRY WOODSMEN THE NOTE---
IF ROBIN HOOD SENDS FOR US—IT IS ONLY BECAUSE HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER IN NOTTINGHAM CASTLE! WE MUST RESCUE HIM!
AYE! I'LL SUMMON OUR LADS WITH MY HUNTING HORN! WE'LL NEED **EVERY LAST ONE** TO ATTACK THE CASTLE!

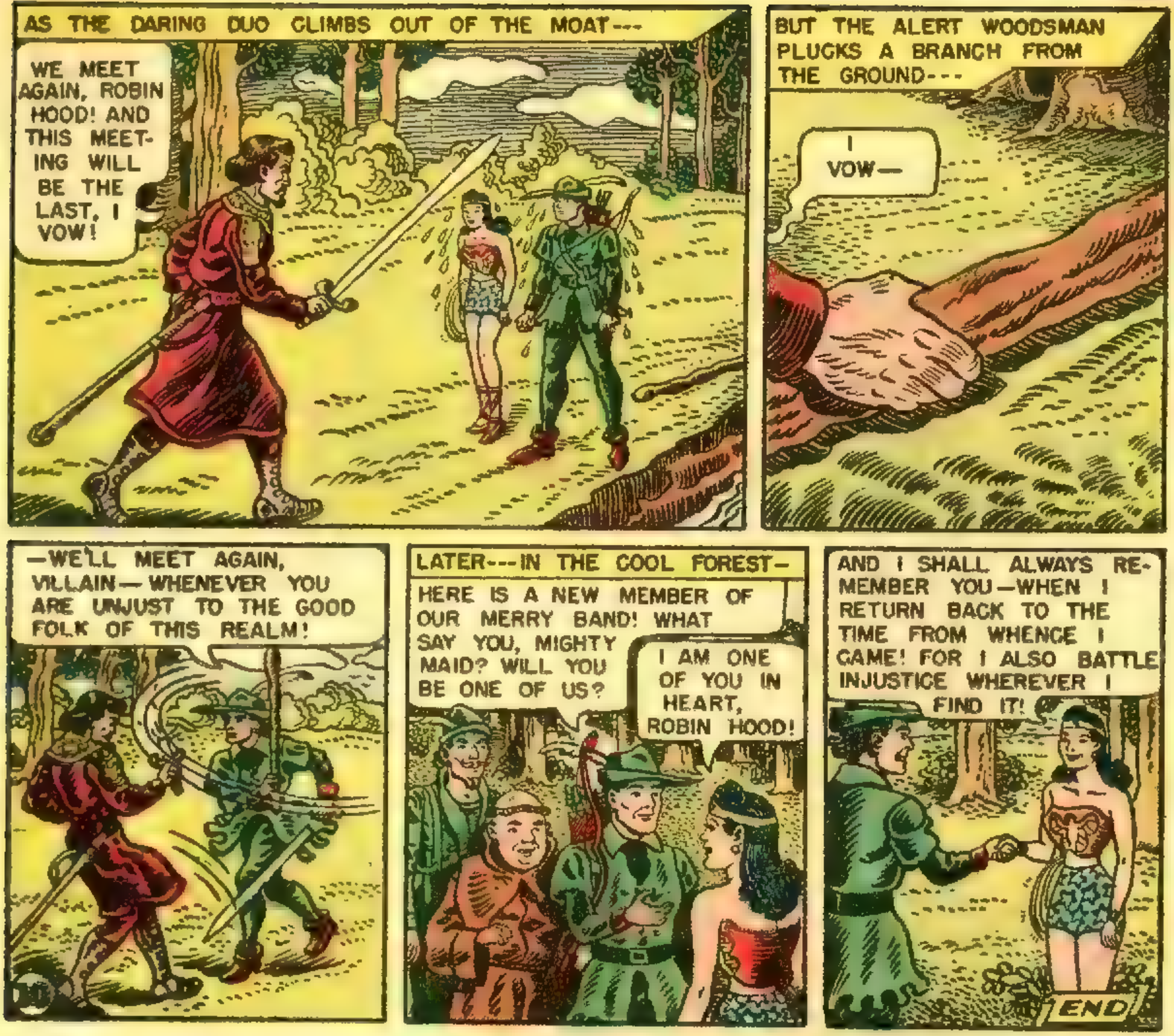

AS FRIAR TUCK IS ABOUT TO BLOW A BLAST SUMMONING ROBIN HOOD'S BAND---
ZINNG!
THE NEXT INSTANT---ARMED MEN SPRING FROM THE FOREST---
FLY! I'LL HOLD THESE KNAVES BACK! YOU'VE A MISSION TO PERFORM!
WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM!
WE MUST! OR LITTLE JOHN'S BRAVERY WILL BE WASTED!
I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF LEAVING LITTLE JOHN BEHIND!
HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF! TIS ROBIN HOOD WHO FACES DEATH IN NOTTINGHAM CASTLE, MAID!
SUDDENLY, THE GROUND GIVES WAY BENEATH THE FRIAR---
CRAAACK!
ONE OF THE SCOUNDRELLY SHERIFF'S TRAPS—!
AS THE TWO SHAKE OFF THE EFFECTS OF THEIR UNEXPECTED FALL---
NO, FRIAR TUCK! I CAN'T LEAVE YOU TOO!
YOU MUST, MAID! MY ANKLE'S SPRAINED! I'LL FARE WELL HERE! NOW, ROBIN HOOD'S LIFE DEPENDS SOLELY ON **YOUR** EFFORTS! MAKE HASTE— BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
WITH A MIGHTY LEAP, **WONDER WOMAN** ESCAPES THE DEEP PIT---
GOOD LUCK, LASS! TIS A MIGHTY TASK AHEAD OF YOU TO ATTACK A CASTLE SINGLE-HANDED!


AHEAD OF HER, THROUGH THE LEAFY GLADE, WONDER WOMAN COMES UPON A GRIM PILE OF STONE---
NOTTINGHAM CASTLE! THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! THE SUN IS SHINING IN MY EYES—GLINTING OFF SOMETHING METALLIC IN ONE OF THE UPPER WINDOWS—AS IF IT WAS A SIGNAL OF SOME KIND!
INSTANTLY, THE ALERT AMAZON HURLS HER LASSO, MADE OF UNBREAKABLE METAL WIRE, AROUND A POST ATOP THE CASTLE RAMPARTS ---
ZINNNG!
THE NEXT MOMENT, WONDER WOMAN FLEETLY CLIMBS UP THE FORBIDDING WALLS---
ROBIN HOOD! I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU WHO SIGNALED!
AYE, FEARLESS MAID! BUT ALL I HOPED WAS THAT YOU WOULD SUMMON MY BAND TO MY AID! I NEVER DREAMED THAT YOU WOULD ATTEMPT SO MIGHTY A FEAT YOURSELF!
SUDDENLY---
ROBIN HOOD! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO "CONVERSE" WITH SOME ARMED GUARDS THAT JUST CAME IN!
WITH A WRENCH OF HER POWERFUL MUSCLES---
RRR-RUNG!
I MUST REMOVE THESE BARS BEFORE I CAN ENTER THIS CELL TO HELP ROBIN HOOD!
BUT, A BOLD, LAUGHING FACE SUDDENLY APPEARS---
OUR "CONVERSATION'S" ENDED—AND I'M ARMED AGAIN! BY MERLIN'S BEARD! YOU TREAT IRON BARS AS LIGHTLY AS IF THEY WERE TWIGS!
WE MUST CLIMB DOWN MY LASSO QUICKLY, ROBIN HOOD! BEFORE MORE GUARDS COME!


AS WONDER WOMAN AND ROBIN HOOD MAKE THEIR WAY DOWN THE STEEP CASTLE WALL ---
YOU'RE THE MOST DARING LASS I'VE EVER SEEN! WILL SCARLET WILL COMPOSE A MERRY TUNE TO MARK THIS DEED OF YOURS!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT ON THE CASTLE RAMPARTS ---
SIR SHERIFF — THE AXE HAS NO EFFECT ON THIS ROPE DOWN WHICH ROBIN HOOD AND HIS ACCOMPLICE ARE ESCAPING!
KLUNNG!
HURL THE ROPE OVER THE SIDE THEN — QUICKLY!
THE VILLAINS STRAIN UNTIL---
THERE THEY FALL — TO PROVIDE A FEAST FOR THE FISH IN THE MOAT BELOW!
SPLASH!
INTO THE OMINOUS WATERS OF THE MOAT HURTLE THE FUGITIVES ---
THE MOAT'S STOCKED WITH CANNIBAL FISH!


BUT THE MASTER FORESTER OF SHERWOOD FOREST STARTLES EVEN THE FAMOUS AMAZON AS---
BY NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT! ROBIN HOOD IS FIRING ARROWS UNDERWATER!
THUNNNG!
THROUGH THE WATER---
THUNNG!
ROBIN HOOD SENDS HIS ARROWS---
THUNNG!
UNERRINGLY---
UNTIL---
HE HAS BEATEN OFF THE MONSTERS!
AS THE TWO PART THE WATERS---
THERE THEY ARE!
IT APPEARS THAT THE VARLETS ARE FISHING FOR US—WITH ARROWS! BUT—I HAVE NONE LEFT!
VIIP!
ZINNG!
VIIP!
TZINNG!


ON THE DRAWBRIDGE, THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM EYES THE PLIGHT OF HIS VICTIMS---
THEY'RE IN OUR NET AT LAST! FILL THE AIR WITH MISSILES—WHILE I HASTEN TO THE BANK OF THE MOAT TO WATCH THE SPORT!
BUT THE INDOMITABLE WONDER WOMAN CATCHES ARROWS WHISTLING THROUGH THE AIR---
HERE'S AN ARROW, ROBIN HOOD!
THANK YOU, LASS! JUST KEEP ON HANDING THEM TO ME—AND I'LL FIND AMPLE TARGETS!
THUNG!
THUNG!
WHOOOSH!
THUNG!
AGAIN AND AGAIN---
ZIING!
THE MIGHTY BOWMAN'S ARROWS---
ZIING!
FIND THEIR MARK---
ZIINNG!
SUDDENLY, THE INCREDIBLE AMAZON LASSOES THE MASSIVE DRAWBRIDGE, AND WITH A POWERFUL TUG---
CRAAACK!
BY THE GREAT OAKS OF SHERWOOD! MINSTRELS WILL SING OF THIS FEAT OF YOURS FOREVERMORE, LASS!


AS THE DARING DUO CLIMBS OUT OF THE MOAT---
WE MEET AGAIN, ROBIN HOOD! AND THIS MEETING WILL BE THE LAST, I VOW!
BUT THE ALERT WOODSMAN PLUCKS A BRANCH FROM THE GROUND---
I VOW—
—WE'LL MEET AGAIN, VILLAIN—WHENEVER YOU ARE UNJUST TO THE GOOD FOLK OF THIS REALM!
LATER---IN THE COOL FOREST—
HERE IS A NEW MEMBER OF OUR MERRY BAND! WHAT SAY YOU, MIGHTY MAID? WILL YOU BE ONE OF US?
I AM ONE OF YOU IN HEART, ROBIN HOOD!
AND I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU—WHEN I RETURN BACK TO THE TIME FROM WHENCE I CAME! FOR I ALSO BATTLE INJUSTICE WHEREVER I FIND IT!
END

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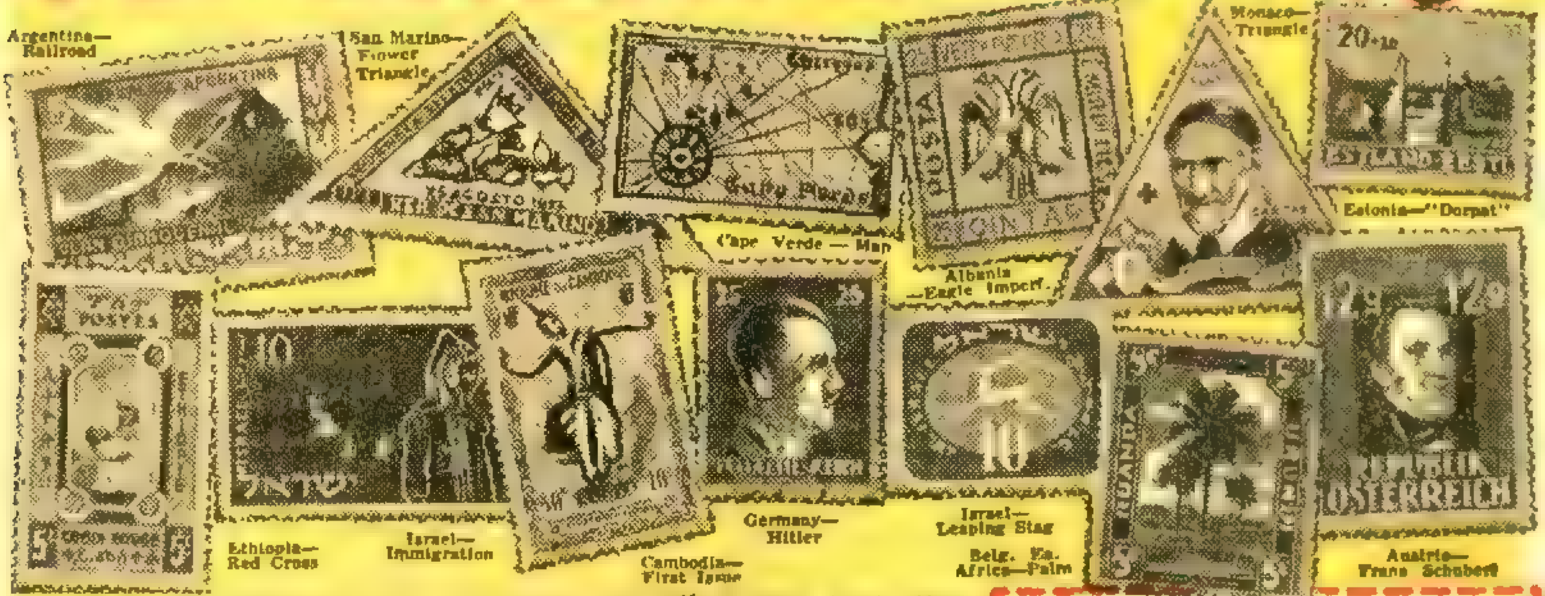
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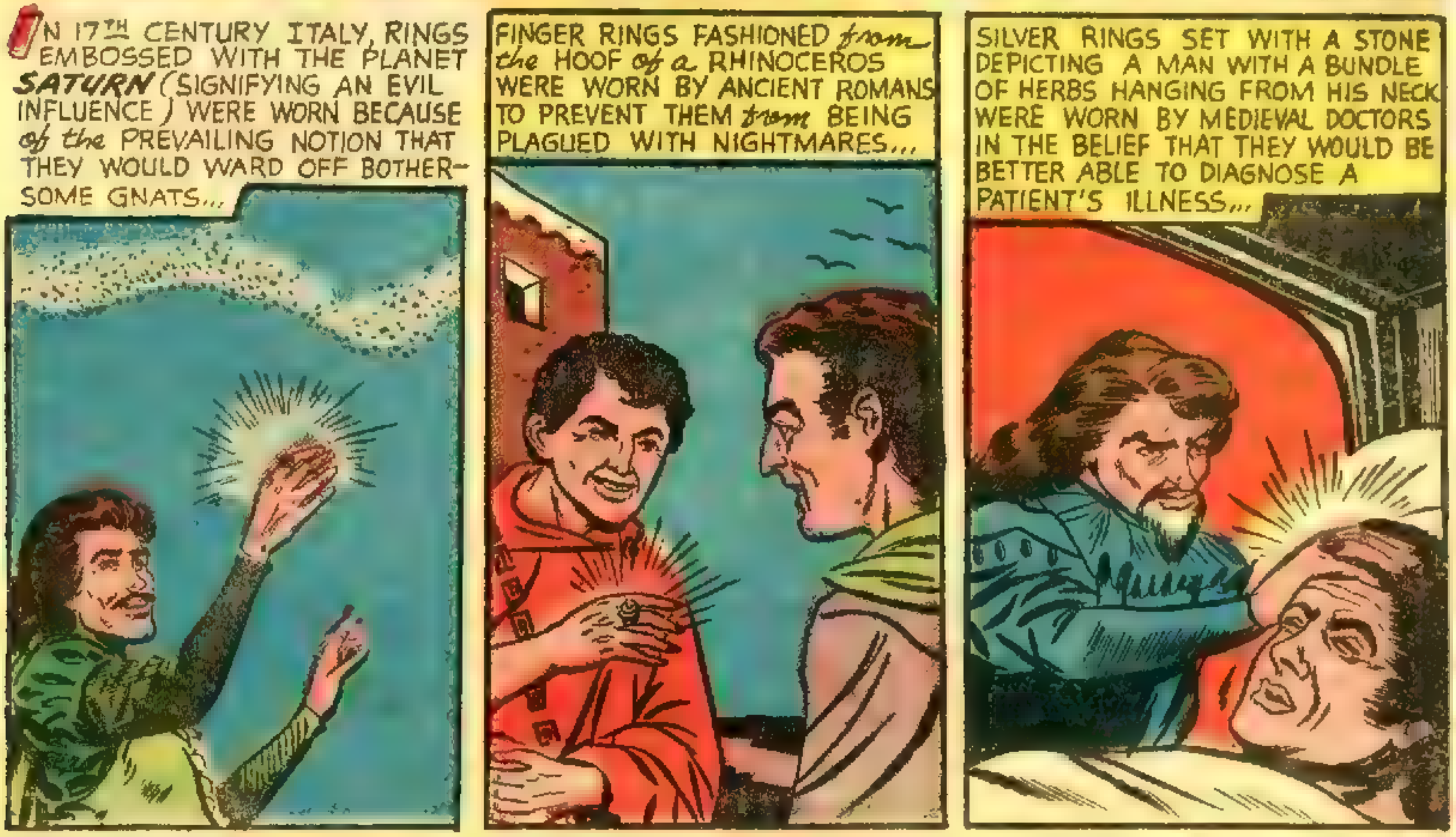

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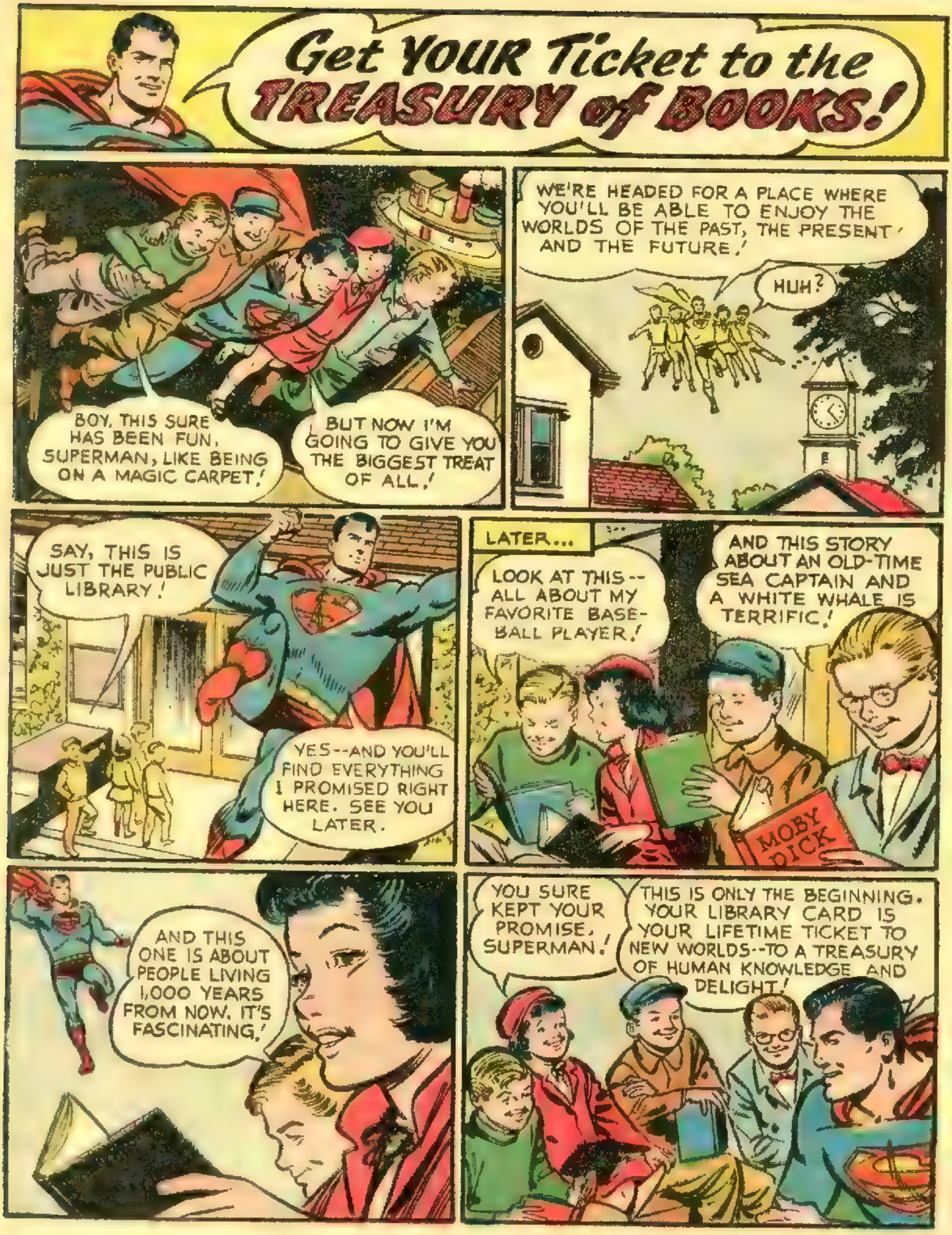
Get YOUR Ticket to the TREASURY of BOOKS!
BOY, THIS SURE HAS BEEN FUN, SUPERMAN, LIKE BEING ON A MAGIC CARPET!
BUT NOW I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THE BIGGEST TREAT OF ALL!
WE'RE HEADED FOR A PLACE WHERE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE WORLDS OF THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE!
HUH?
SAY, THIS IS JUST THE PUBLIC LIBRARY!
YES--AND YOU'LL FIND EVERYTHING I PROMISED RIGHT HERE. SEE YOU LATER.
LATER...
LOOK AT THIS--ALL ABOUT MY FAVORITE BASE-BALL PLAYER!
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MOBY DICK
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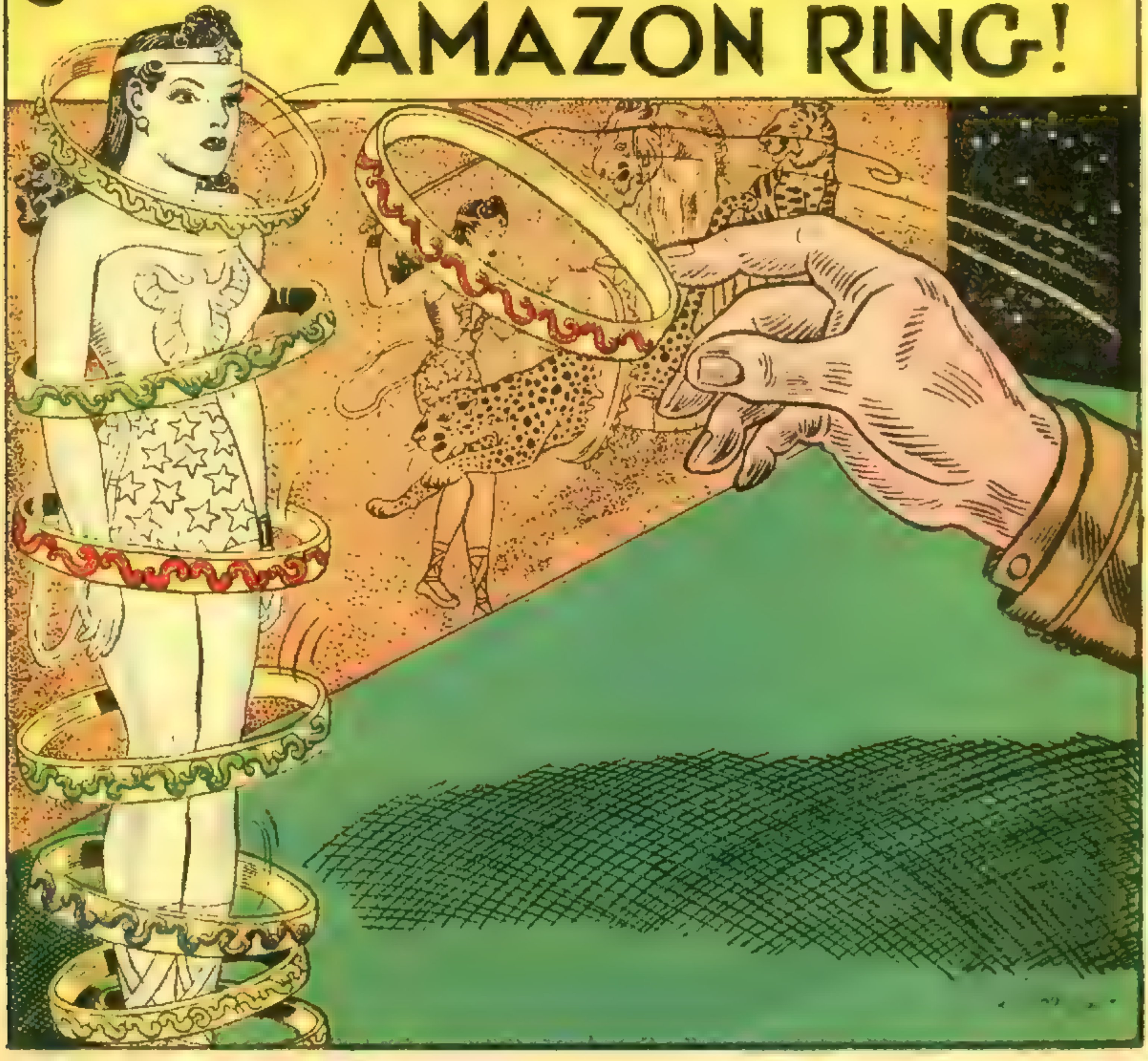
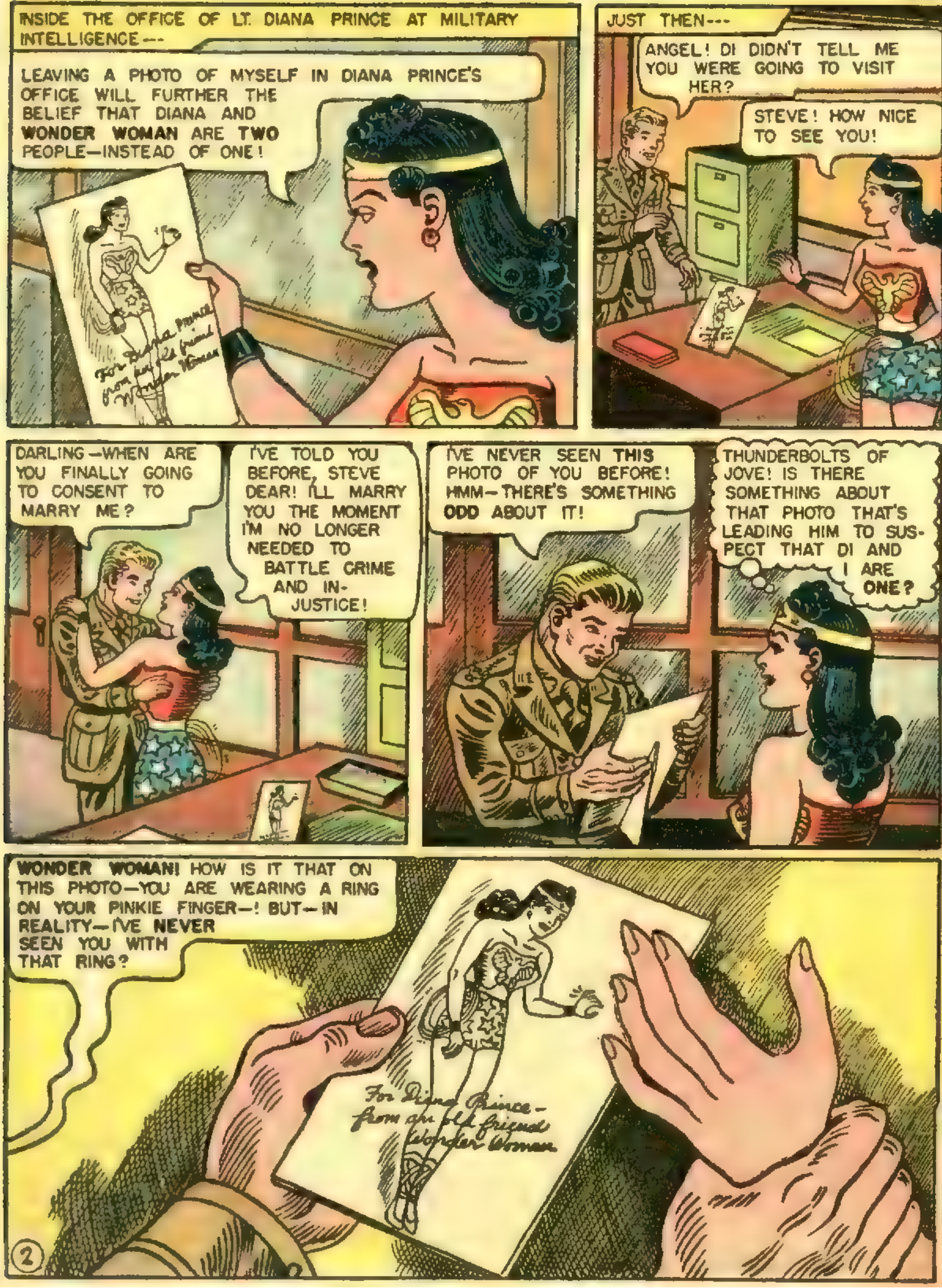
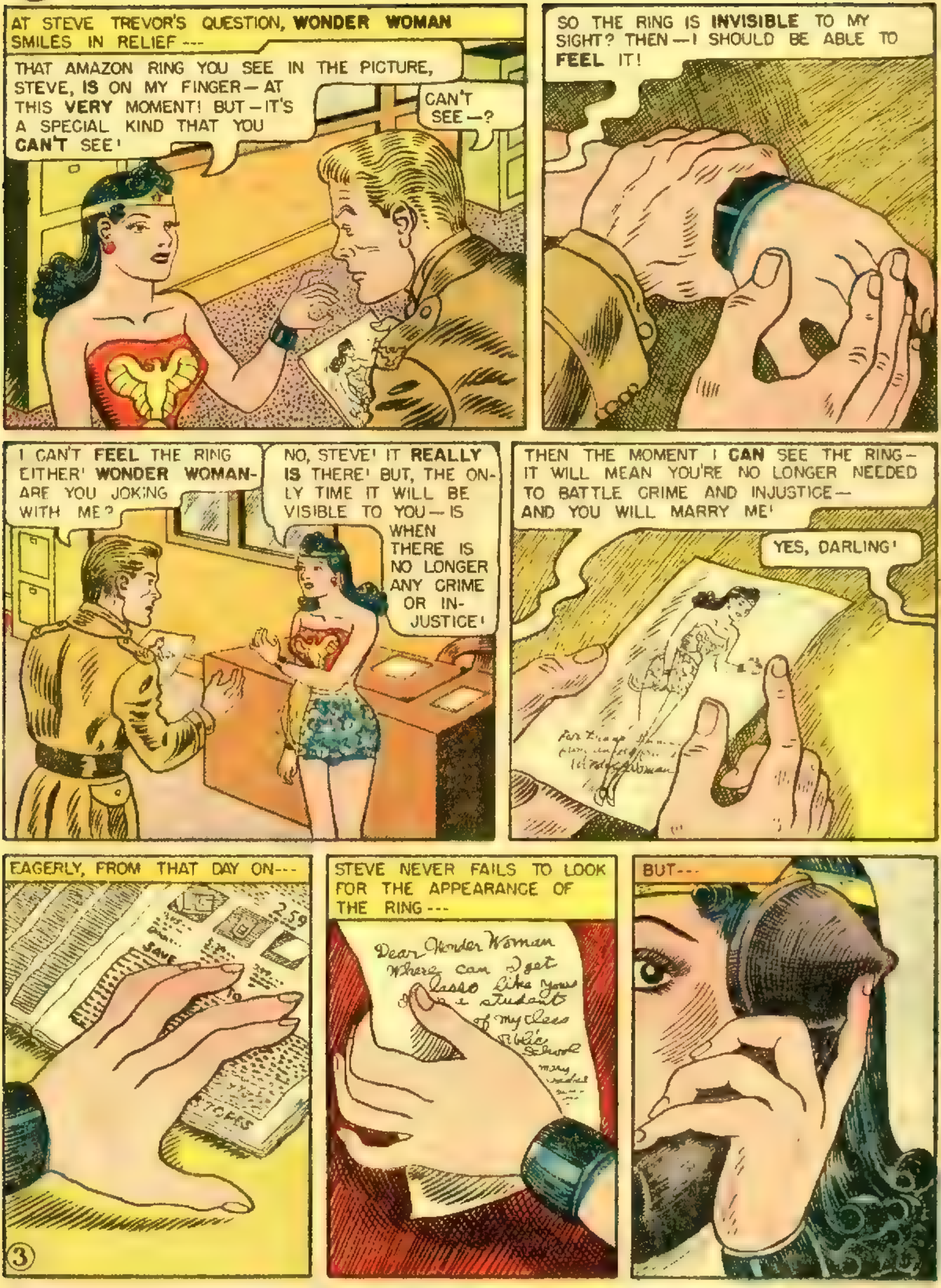
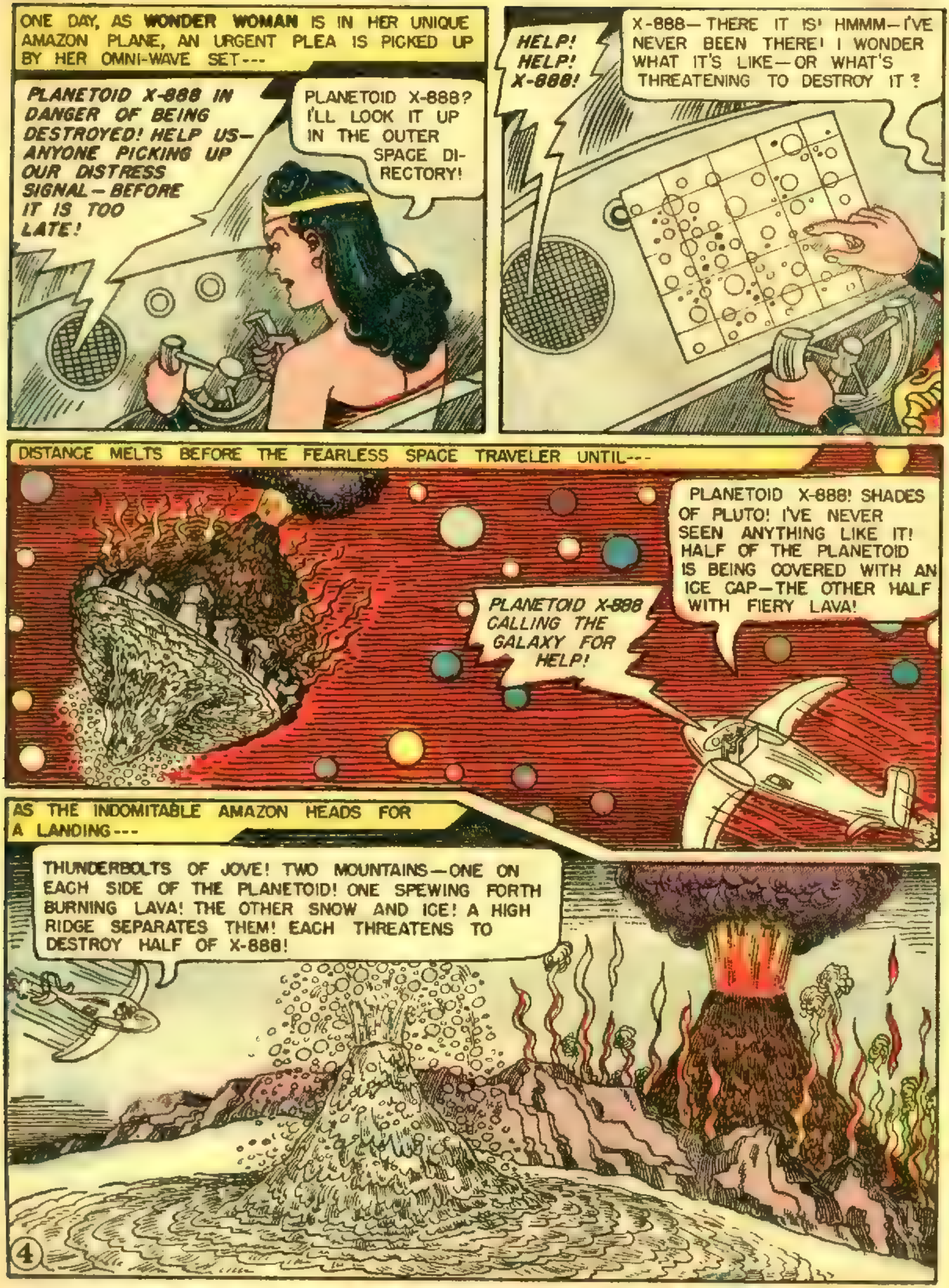
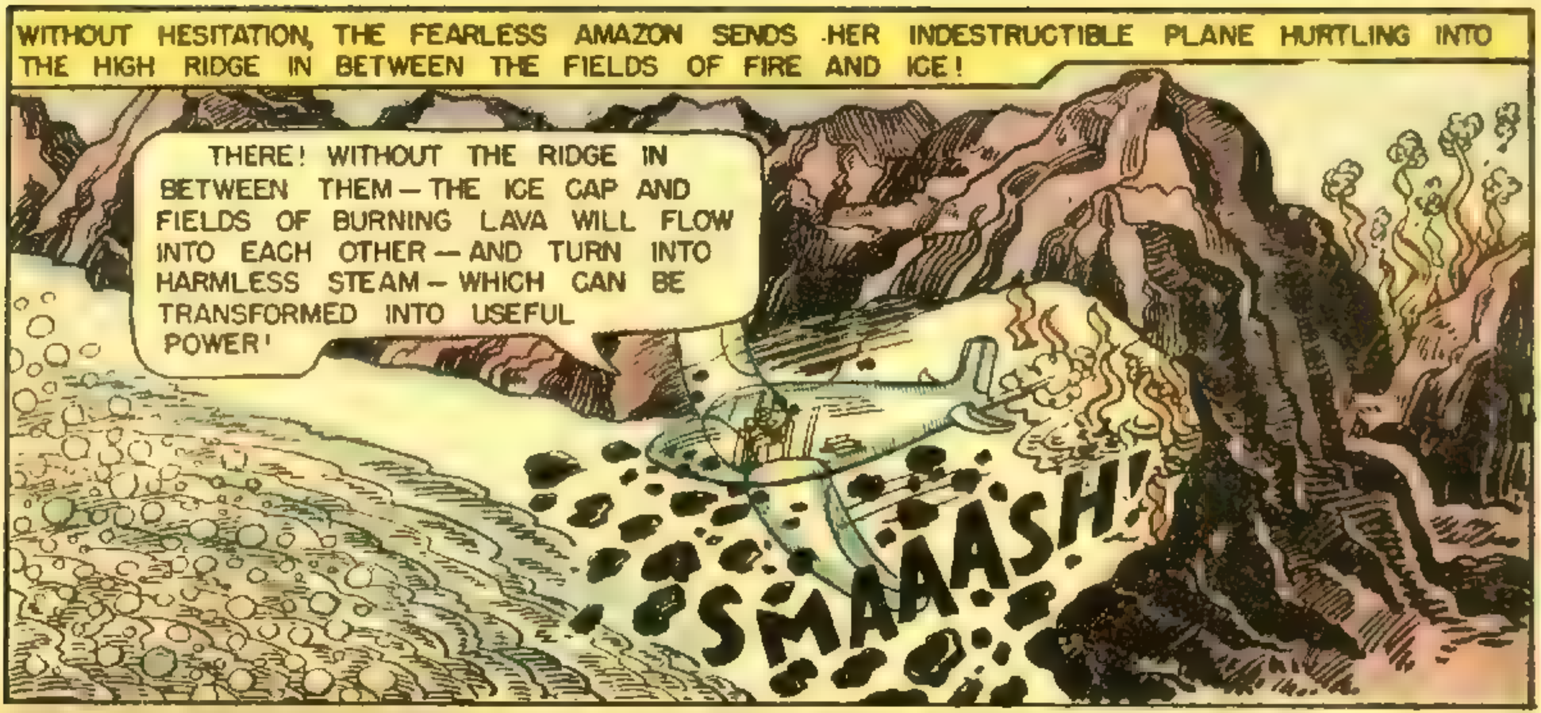
"The SECRET OF THE AMAZON RING!"

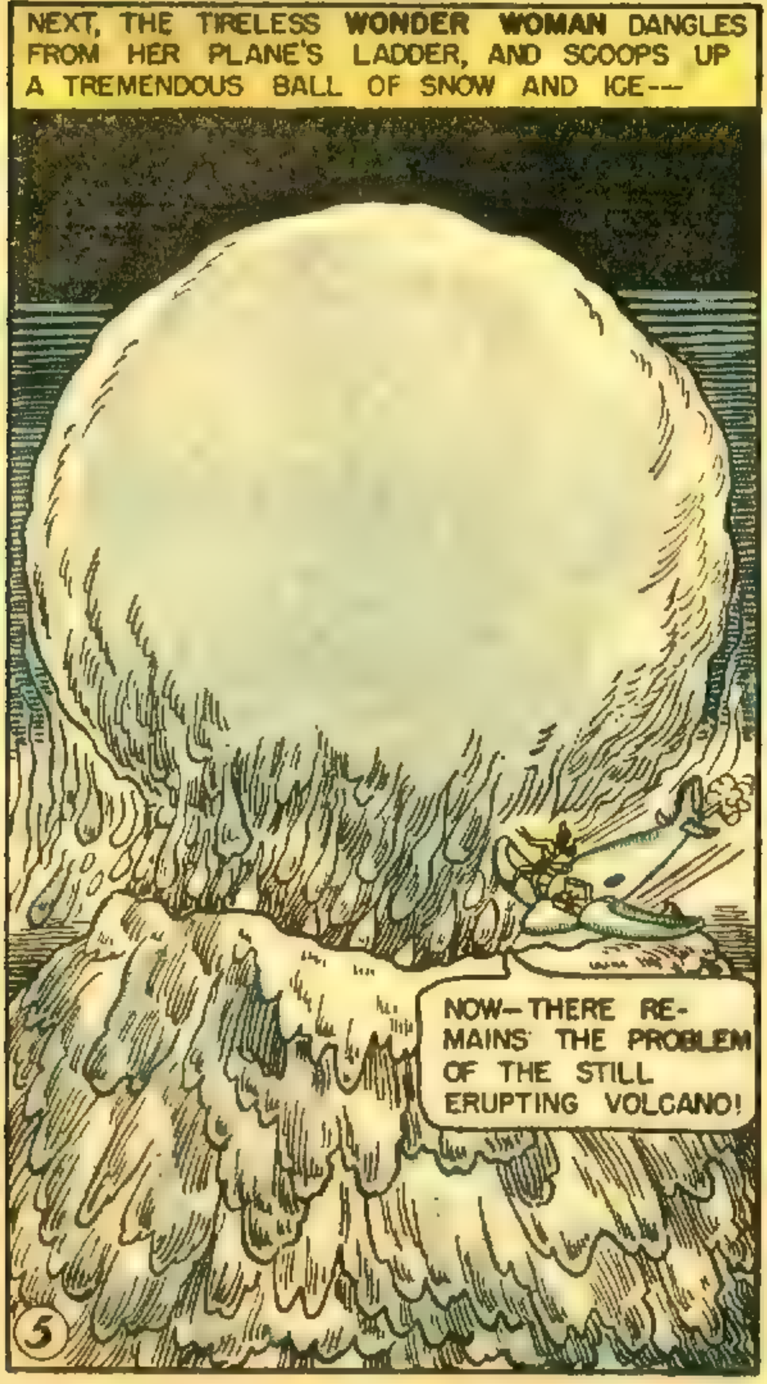


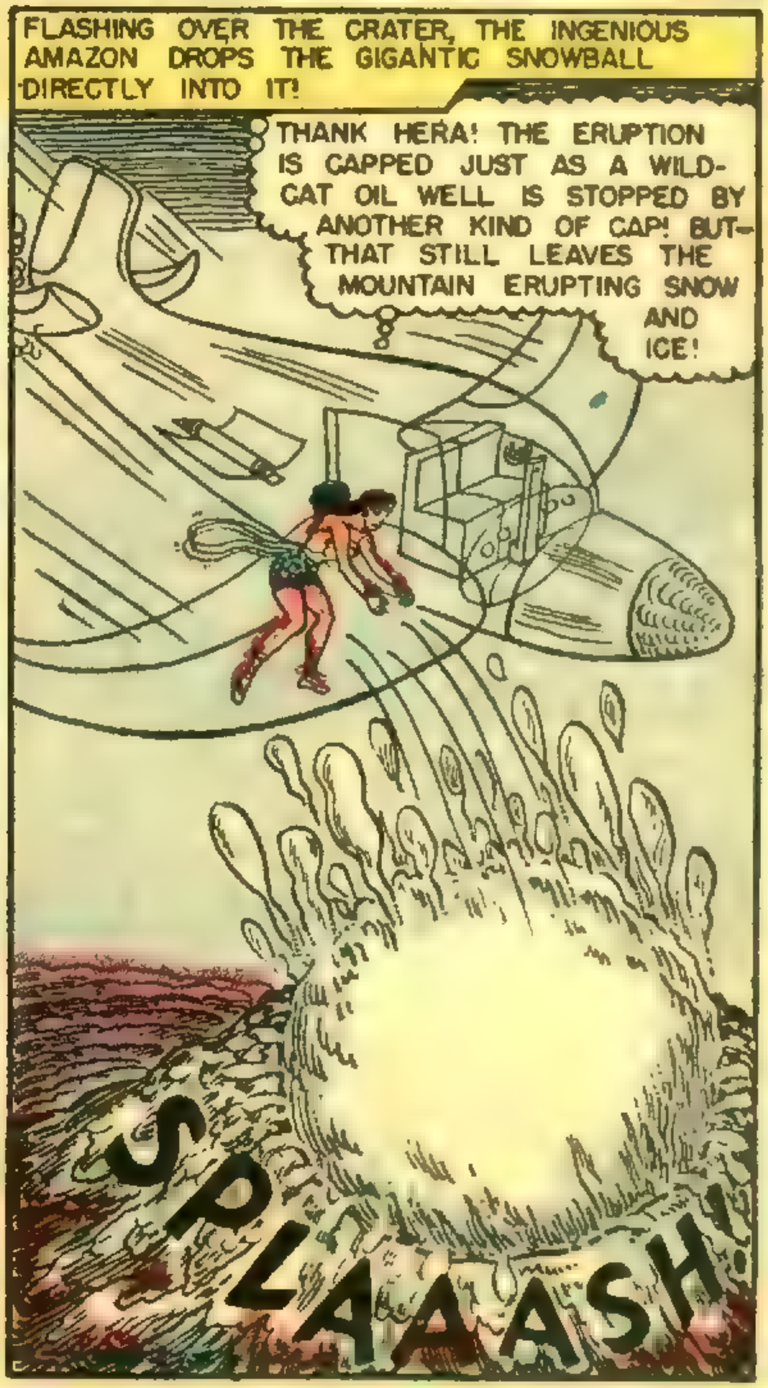

INSIDE THE OFFICE OF LT. DIANA PRINCE AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE---
LEAVING A PHOTO OF MYSELF IN DIANA PRINCE'S OFFICE WILL FURTHER THE BELIEF THAT DIANA AND **WONDER WOMAN** ARE **TWO** PEOPLE—INSTEAD OF ONE!
For Diana Prince from her old friend Wonder Woman
JUST THEN---
ANGEL! DI DIDN'T TELL ME YOU WERE GOING TO VISIT HER?
STEVE! HOW NICE TO SEE YOU!
DARLING—WHEN ARE YOU FINALLY GOING TO CONSENT TO MARRY ME?
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, STEVE DEAR! I'LL MARRY YOU THE MOMENT I'M NO LONGER NEEDED TO BATTLE CRIME AND INJUSTICE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN **THIS** PHOTO OF YOU BEFORE! HMM—THERE'S SOMETHING **ODD** ABOUT IT!
THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! IS THERE SOMETHING ABOUT THAT PHOTO THAT'S LEADING HIM TO SUSPECT THAT DI AND I ARE **ONE?**
WONDER WOMAN! HOW IS IT THAT ON THIS PHOTO—YOU ARE WEARING A RING ON YOUR PINKIE FINGER—! BUT—IN REALITY—I'VE **NEVER** SEEN YOU WITH THAT RING?
For Diana Prince - from an old friend Wonder Woman

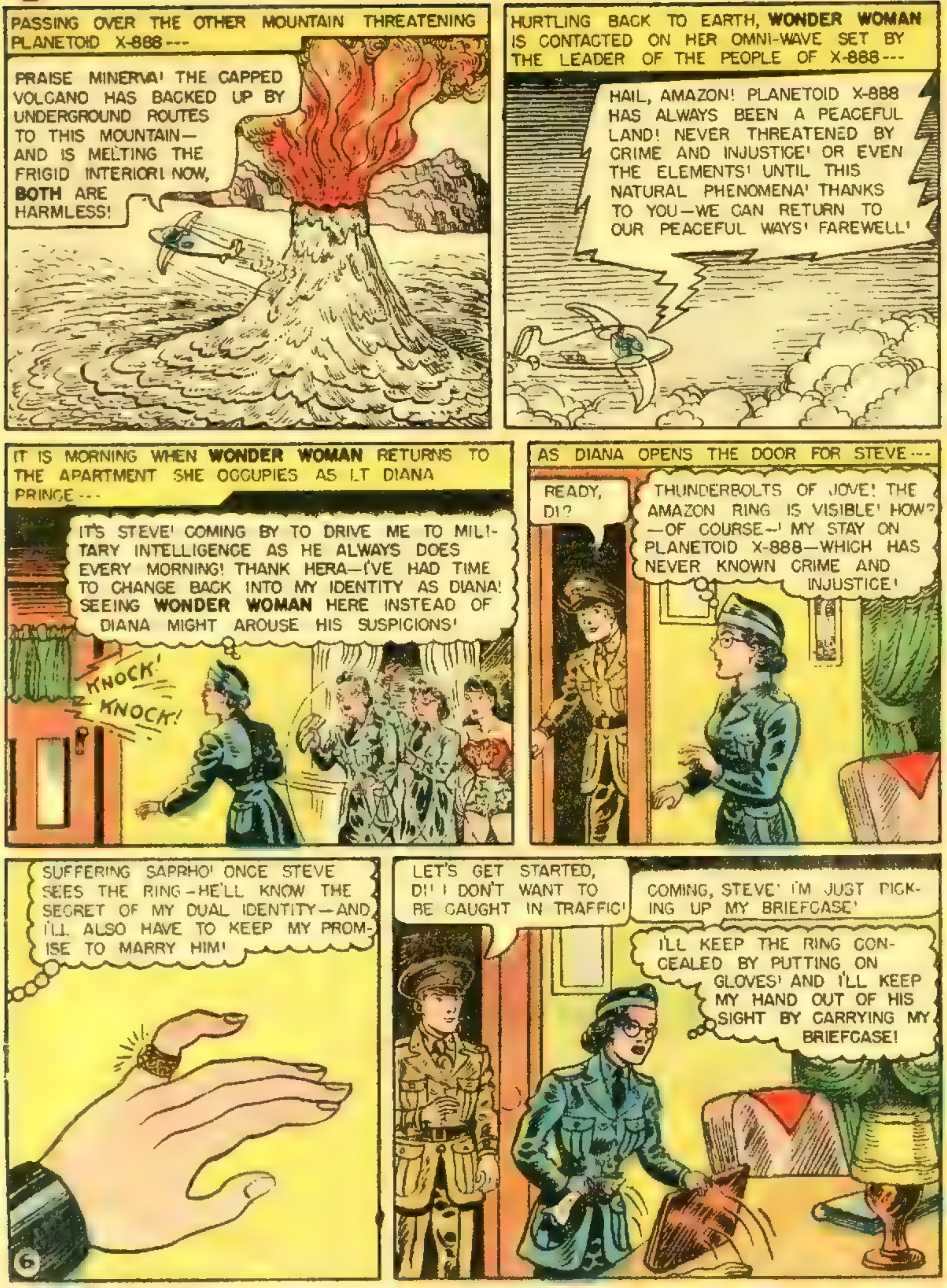

AT STEVE TREVOR'S QUESTION, WONDER WOMAN SMILES IN RELIEF---
THAT AMAZON RING YOU SEE IN THE PICTURE, STEVE, IS ON MY FINGER—AT THIS VERY MOMENT! BUT—IT'S A SPECIAL KIND THAT YOU CAN'T SEE!
CAN'T SEE—?
SO THE RING IS INVISIBLE TO MY SIGHT? THEN—I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FEEL IT!
I CAN'T FEEL THE RING EITHER! WONDER WOMAN—ARE YOU JOKING WITH ME?
NO, STEVE! IT REALLY IS THERE! BUT, THE ONLY TIME IT WILL BE VISIBLE TO YOU—IS WHEN THERE IS NO LONGER ANY CRIME OR INJUSTICE!
THEN THE MOMENT I CAN SEE THE RING—IT WILL MEAN YOU'RE NO LONGER NEEDED TO BATTLE CRIME AND INJUSTICE—AND YOU WILL MARRY ME!
YES, DARLING!
Wonder Woman
EAGERLY, FROM THAT DAY ON---
SAVE
STEVE NEVER FAILS TO LOOK FOR THE APPEARANCE OF THE RING---
Dear Wonder Woman
Where can I get
lasso like yours
student
of my class
Bible
School
BUT---

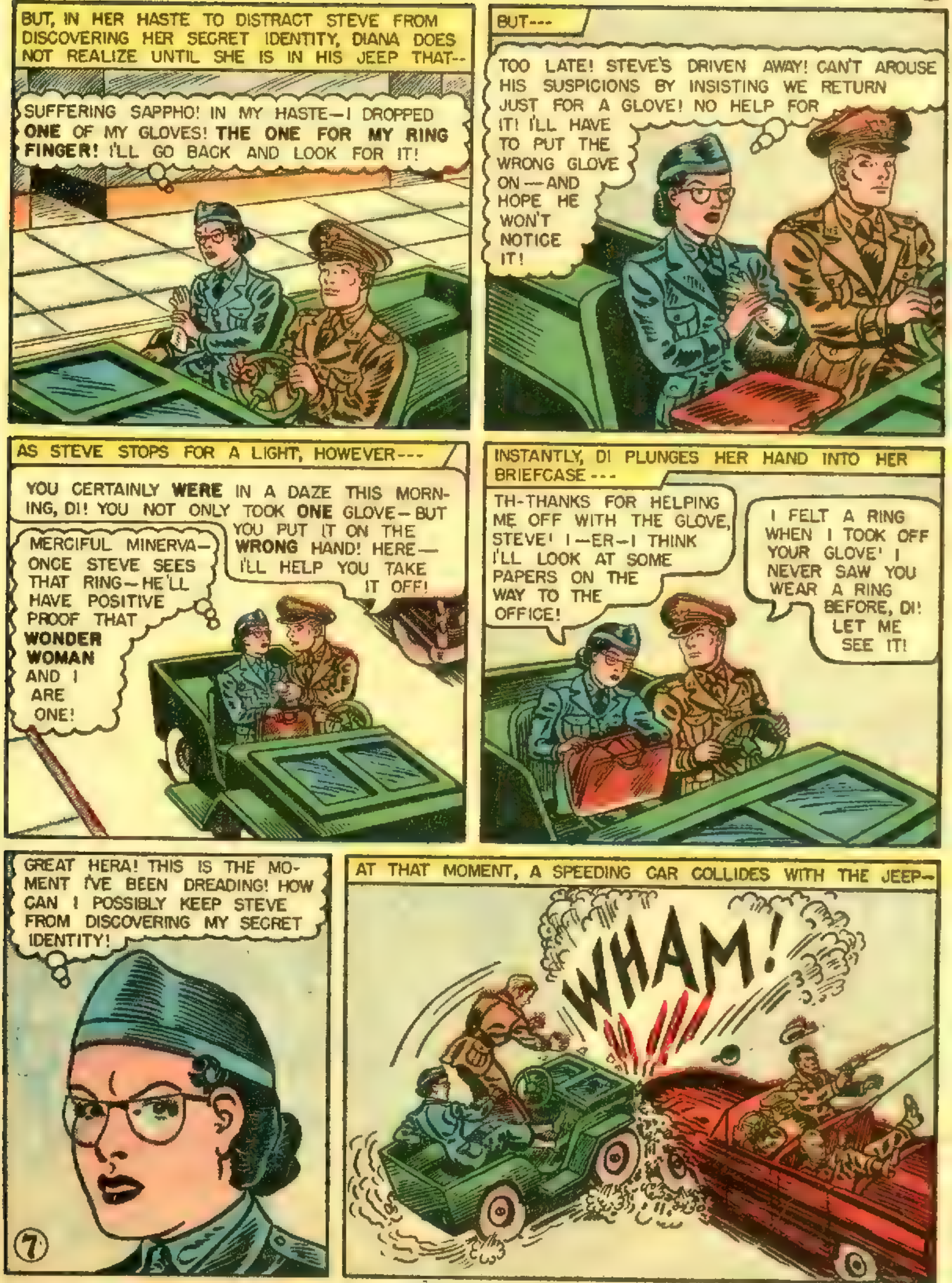

ONE DAY, AS WONDER WOMAN IS IN HER UNIQUE AMAZON PLANE, AN URGENT PLEA IS PICKED UP BY HER OMNI-WAVE SET---
PLANETOID X-888 IN DANGER OF BEING DESTROYED! HELP US-- ANYONE PICKING UP OUR DISTRESS SIGNAL--BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
PLANETOID X-888? I'LL LOOK IT UP IN THE OUTER SPACE DIRECTORY!
HELP! HELP! X-888!
X-888--THERE IT IS! HMMM--I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE! I WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE--OR WHAT'S THREATENING TO DESTROY IT?
DISTANCE MELTS BEFORE THE FEARLESS SPACE TRAVELER UNTIL---
PLANETOID X-888 CALLING THE GALAXY FOR HELP!
PLANETOID X-888! SHADES OF PLUTO! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! HALF OF THE PLANETOID IS BEING COVERED WITH AN ICE CAP--THE OTHER HALF WITH FIERY LAVA!
AS THE INDOMITABLE AMAZON HEADS FOR A LANDING---
THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! TWO MOUNTAINS--ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE PLANETOID! ONE SPEWING FORTH BURNING LAVA! THE OTHER SNOW AND ICE! A HIGH RIDGE SEPARATES THEM! EACH THREATENS TO DESTROY HALF OF X-888!

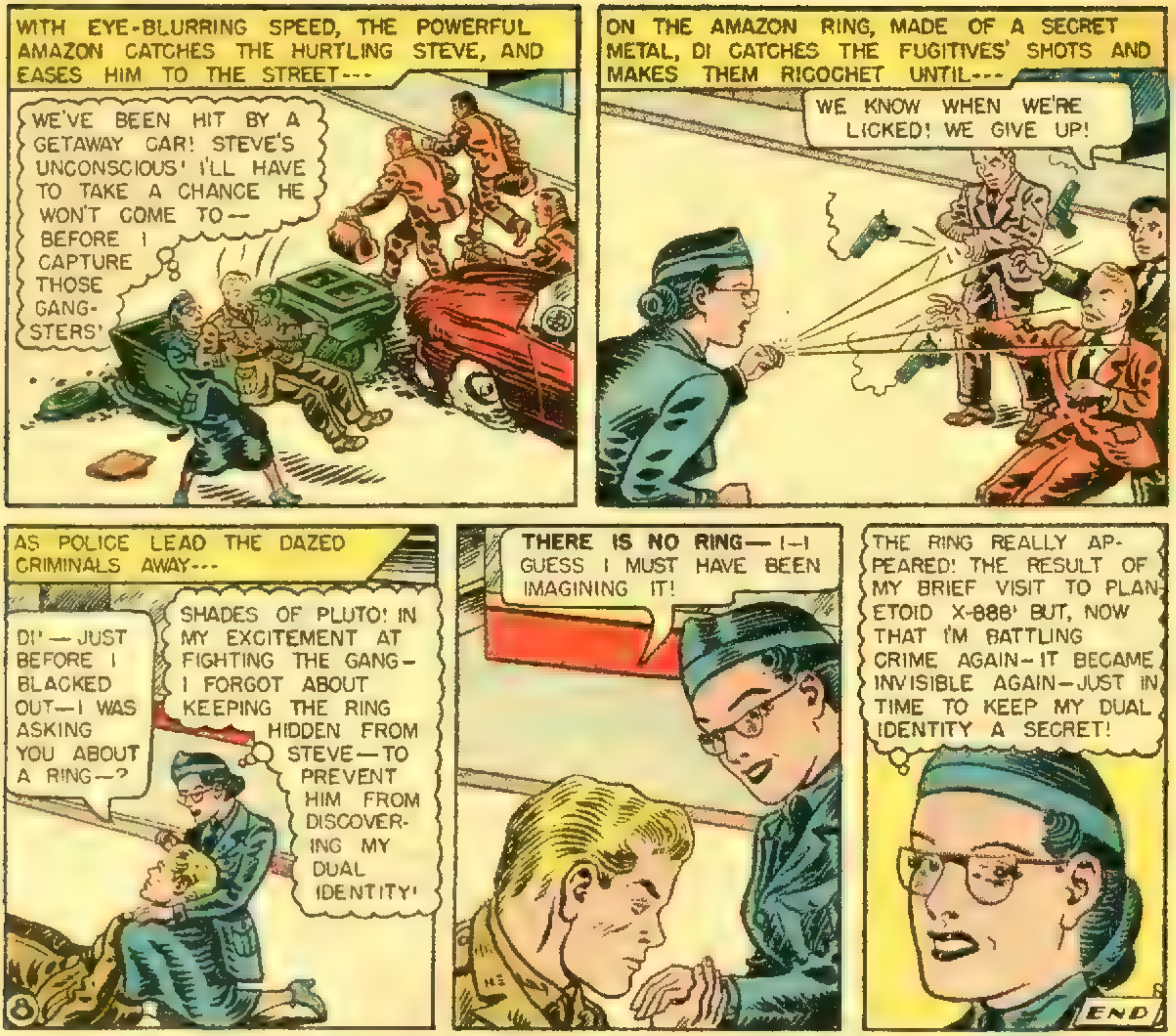

WITHOUT HESITATION, THE FEARLESS AMAZON SENDS HER INDESTRUCTIBLE PLANE HURTLING INTO THE HIGH RIDGE IN BETWEEN THE FIELDS OF FIRE AND ICE!
THERE! WITHOUT THE RIDGE IN BETWEEN THEM—THE ICE CAP AND FIELDS OF BURNING LAVA WILL FLOW INTO EACH OTHER—AND TURN INTO HARMLESS STEAM—WHICH CAN BE TRANSFORMED INTO USEFUL POWER!
SMAAASH!


NEXT, THE TIRELESS **WONDER WOMAN** DANGLES FROM HER PLANE'S LADDER, AND SCOOPS UP A TREMENDOUS BALL OF SNOW AND ICE—
NOW—THERE REMAINS THE PROBLEM OF THE STILL ERUPTING VOLCANO!


FLASHING OVER THE CRATER, THE INGENIOUS AMAZON DROPS THE GIGANTIC SNOWBALL DIRECTLY INTO IT!
THANK HERA! THE ERUPTION IS CAPPED JUST AS A WILDCAT OIL WELL IS STOPPED BY ANOTHER KIND OF CAP! BUT—THAT STILL LEAVES THE MOUNTAIN ERUPTING SNOW AND ICE!
SPLAAASH!


PASSING OVER THE OTHER MOUNTAIN THREATENING PLANETOID X-888---
PRAISE MINERVA! THE CAPPED VOLCANO HAS BACKED UP BY UNDERGROUND ROUTES TO THIS MOUNTAIN— AND IS MELTING THE FRIGID INTERIOR! NOW, **BOTH** ARE HARMLESS!
HURTLING BACK TO EARTH, **WONDER WOMAN** IS CONTACTED ON HER OMNI-WAVE SET BY THE LEADER OF THE PEOPLE OF X-888---
HAIL, AMAZON! PLANETOID X-888 HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PEACEFUL LAND! NEVER THREATENED BY CRIME AND INJUSTICE! OR EVEN THE ELEMENTS! UNTIL THIS NATURAL PHENOMENA! THANKS TO YOU—WE CAN RETURN TO OUR PEACEFUL WAYS! FAREWELL!
IT IS MORNING WHEN **WONDER WOMAN** RETURNS TO THE APARTMENT SHE OCCUPIES AS LT DIANA PRINCE---
IT'S STEVE! COMING BY TO DRIVE ME TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AS HE ALWAYS DOES EVERY MORNING! THANK HERA—I'VE HAD TIME TO CHANGE BACK INTO MY IDENTITY AS DIANA! SEEING **WONDER WOMAN** HERE INSTEAD OF DIANA MIGHT AROUSE HIS SUSPICIONS!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
AS DIANA OPENS THE DOOR FOR STEVE---
READY, DI?
THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! THE AMAZON RING IS VISIBLE! HOW? —OF COURSE—! MY STAY ON PLANETOID X-888—WHICH HAS NEVER KNOWN CRIME AND INJUSTICE!
SUFFERING SAPPHO! ONCE STEVE SEES THE RING—HE'LL KNOW THE SECRET OF MY DUAL IDENTITY—AND I'LL ALSO HAVE TO KEEP MY PROMISE TO MARRY HIM!
6
LET'S GET STARTED, DI! I DON'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT IN TRAFFIC!
COMING, STEVE! I'M JUST PICKING UP MY BRIEFCASE!
I'LL KEEP THE RING CONCEALED BY PUTTING ON GLOVES! AND I'LL KEEP MY HAND OUT OF HIS SIGHT BY CARRYING MY BRIEFCASE!


BUT, IN HER HASTE TO DISTRACT STEVE FROM DISCOVERING HER SECRET IDENTITY, DIANA DOES NOT REALIZE UNTIL SHE IS IN HIS JEEP THAT--
SUFFERING SAPPHO! IN MY HASTE—I DROPPED **ONE** OF MY GLOVES! **THE ONE FOR MY RING FINGER!** I'LL GO BACK AND LOOK FOR IT!
BUT---
TOO LATE! STEVE'S DRIVEN AWAY! CAN'T AROUSE HIS SUSPICIONS BY INSISTING WE RETURN JUST FOR A GLOVE! NO HELP FOR IT! I'LL HAVE TO PUT THE WRONG GLOVE ON—AND HOPE HE WON'T NOTICE IT!
AS STEVE STOPS FOR A LIGHT, HOWEVER---
YOU CERTAINLY **WERE** IN A DAZE THIS MORNING, DI! YOU NOT ONLY TOOK **ONE** GLOVE—BUT YOU PUT IT ON THE **WRONG** HAND! HERE—I'LL HELP YOU TAKE IT OFF!
MERCIFUL MINERVA—ONCE STEVE SEES THAT RING—HE'LL HAVE POSITIVE PROOF THAT **WONDER WOMAN** AND I ARE ONE!
INSTANTLY, DI PLUNGES HER HAND INTO HER BRIEFCASE---
TH-THANKS FOR HELPING ME OFF WITH THE GLOVE, STEVE! I—ER—I THINK I'LL LOOK AT SOME PAPERS ON THE WAY TO THE OFFICE!
I FELT A RING WHEN I TOOK OFF YOUR GLOVE! I NEVER SAW YOU WEAR A RING BEFORE, DI! LET ME SEE IT!
GREAT HERA! THIS IS THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN DREADING! HOW CAN I POSSIBLY KEEP STEVE FROM DISCOVERING MY SECRET IDENTITY!
AT THAT MOMENT, A SPEEDING CAR COLLIDES WITH THE JEEP—
WHAM!


WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED, THE POWERFUL AMAZON CATCHES THE HURTLING STEVE, AND EASES HIM TO THE STREET---
WE'VE BEEN HIT BY A GETAWAY CAR! STEVE'S UNCONSCIOUS! I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A CHANCE HE WON'T COME TO— BEFORE I CAPTURE THOSE GANGSTERS!
ON THE AMAZON RING, MADE OF A SECRET METAL, DI CATCHES THE FUGITIVES' SHOTS AND MAKES THEM RICOCHET UNTIL---
WE KNOW WHEN WE'RE LICKED! WE GIVE UP!
AS POLICE LEAD THE DAZED CRIMINALS AWAY---
DI! —JUST BEFORE I BLACKED OUT—I WAS ASKING YOU ABOUT A RING—?
SHADES OF PLUTO! IN MY EXCITEMENT AT FIGHTING THE GANG— I FORGOT ABOUT KEEPING THE RING HIDDEN FROM STEVE—TO PREVENT HIM FROM DISCOVERING MY DUAL IDENTITY!
8
THERE IS NO RING— I—I GUESS I MUST HAVE BEEN IMAGINING IT!
THE RING REALLY APPEARED! THE RESULT OF MY BRIEF VISIT TO PLANETOID X-888! BUT, NOW THAT I'M BATTLING CRIME AGAIN—IT BECAME INVISIBLE AGAIN—JUST IN TIME TO KEEP MY DUAL IDENTITY A SECRET!
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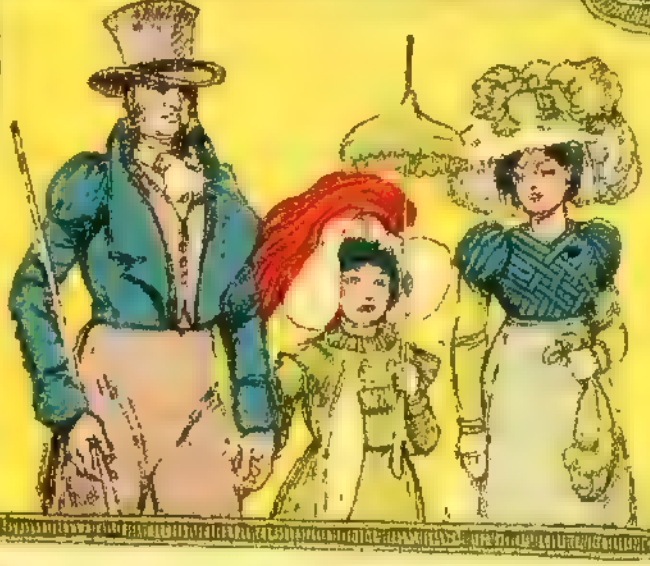


Ups & Downs of the Umbrella

DURING recent excavations of an old Roman villa in Sicily, a fresco was dug up showing pretty Roman girls on a beach, protecting themselves from the sun by carrying colorful parasols.

Perhaps many of you are too young to know what a parasol is. Until very recently, it was quite popular in this country, as elsewhere. In contrast with the the ladies' umbrella which was made of somber-colored materials in keeping with rainy weather, the parasol was gayly-colored, and used only in sunny weather as a protection from the sun. As a matter of fact, the use of parasols went out of style when it became fashionable to acquire a healthy-looking tan.

Today, of course, ladies' umbrellas more resemble the parasols of yesterday than they do the umbrellas. As might be expected, the first umbrellas made their appearance in the hot countries, like Italy, Portugal, and Spain. The first ladies' umbrella ever seen in England was brought over by Catherine of Braganza in the 17th Century. By 1688 there were quite a number of them in use, but they were very heavy and ugly, having clumsy thick handles.

By 1708 they were sufficiently popular to be included in a dictionary of that time, in which they were defined as "a kind of broad fan or screen, commonly used by women to shelter them from the sun."

The first known use of the umbrella as a protection from the rain was when English coffee-houses began keeping a large umbrella by the door for the purpose of escorting patrons from their carriage to the door in wet weather.

In the early 1800's, fashionable ladies began wearing the parasol as a part of their going-out costume. Dresses were flimsy in those days, and the parasol was found useful to protect both against light rains and bright sunlight. Also at this time, makers began affixing long handles to the parasols.

As ladies' gowns grew wider and wider, the size of the parasol became smaller and smaller until they were no larger than a dinner plate.

But in the forties, fifties, and sixties, the long handle was given a joint in the middle so that it could be folded in half. The reason for this was that the long handle would have bumped against the flowering crinoline.

At this time, ladies of fashion spent small fortunes on their parasols. It was the custom to have a number of parasols, each one to match a different outfit. The cloth used was costly silk and lace, trimmed with silk fringe. The handles were of coral, gold, fine enamels, or precious porcelains.

Manufacturers kept rivaling each other with new parasol ideas. One parasol maker in 1850 put on the market a combination "parasol-fan" under the name of "the Oriental fan parasol with psyche fringe." This contraption could either be used as an ordinary parasol or opened out flat by tilting and used as a fan.

In the eighties, the size of the parasol increased. But in 1881 something happened that suddenly sent hundreds of parasol and umbrella makers into financial ruin. Strangely enough, it all began when the famous actress Sarah Bernhardt opened in a new play in Paris. In this play she carried a Japanese paper parasol.

Overnight almost, every girl in the world seemed to demand a Japanese paper parasol. The rage continued for the next ten years, with every woman of fashion owning a Japanese paper parasol, and every well-to-do sitting-room fireplace being decorated with one.

In the eighteen-nineties, ladies' parasols followed the style of their clothes —plain on the outside, but very frilly on the inside. Typical of the period is one still in existence as part of a large collection. This one is made of scarlet silk with a lining of two tiers of black and gold lace, trimmed with enormous silk bows. The handle is made of precious Worcester porcelain.

Another parasol was made of cream lace over silk, bordered by a heavy overhanging flounce. Lace flounces and a hand-carved ivory handle completed the picture.

From this period until 1914, parasols and umbrellas became quite large to match the over-dressing of the era. But in the middle 1920's, when the popular girl was small and slight, an umbrella to match was made for her. This umbrella was small and slight with a device that made it possible to telescope it, and place it in her handbag.

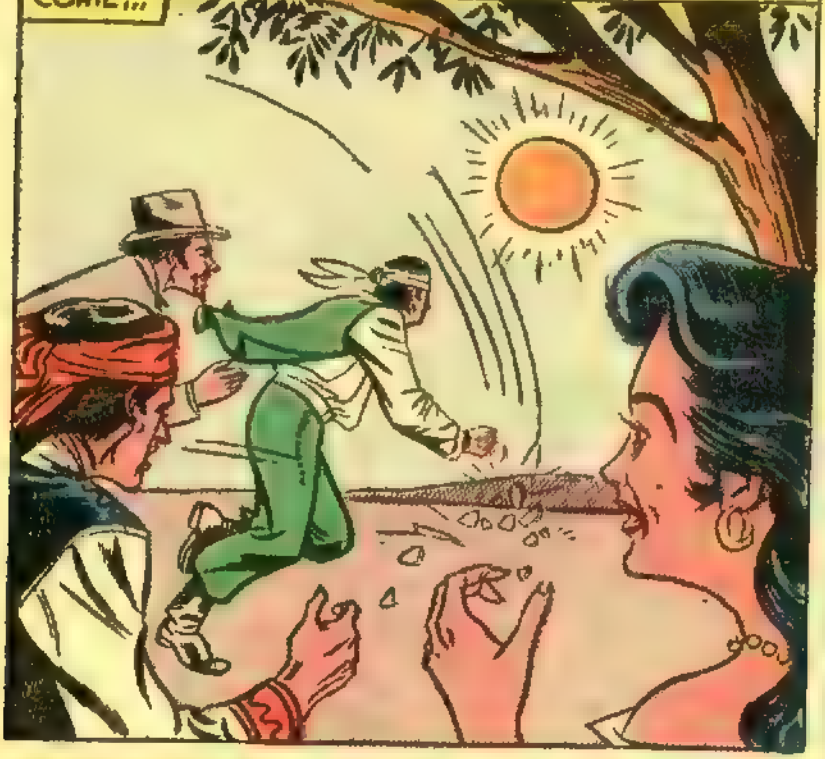
This little functional umbrella is still sold in stores today, but there are signs of a return to the long-handled and elegant parasol of yesterday.

One manufacturer has placed on the market a combination of the two. This umbrella can be folded up so that it is no larger than a pocketbook. Unfolded, it literally spreads its wings, showing off a long handle and an intricately-designed cloth part.

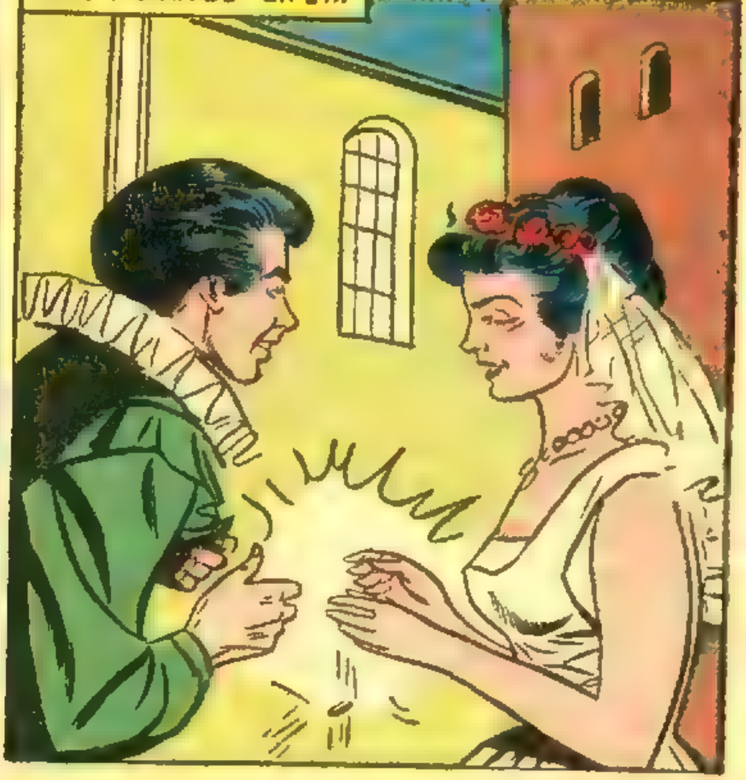
For many years, the use of a parasol to protect against the sun was unknown. It is likely that most readers have never even seen one. But, recently, a movie made in France showed fashionable ladies sporting these parasols to protect their fair complexions from being tanned. Perhaps this will start a new trend, making still another cycle in the ups and downs of milady's umbrella.

MARRIAGE A LA MODE!

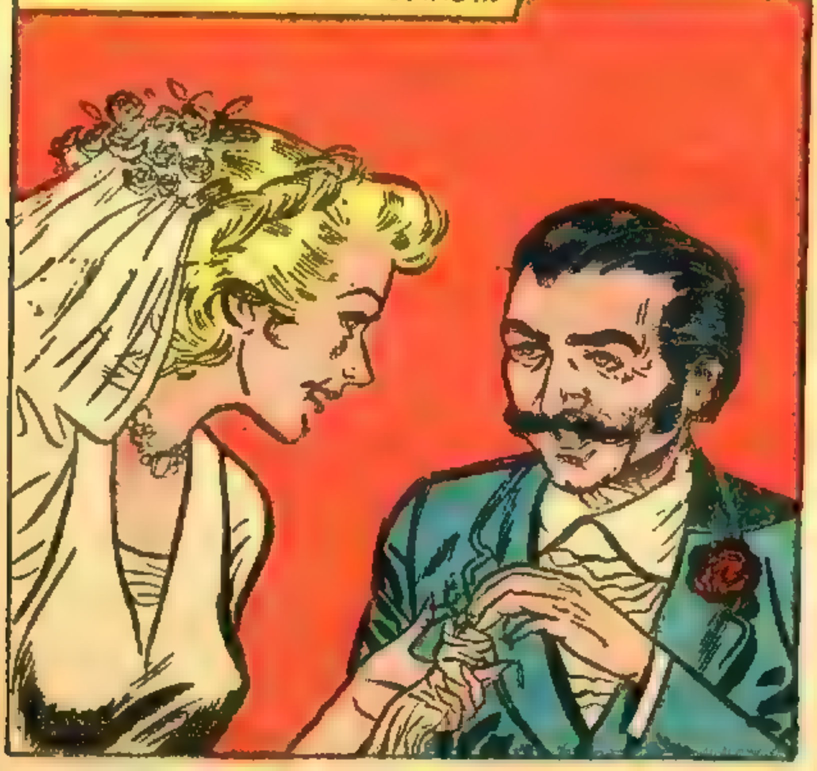
TOWARD THE END OF A GYPSY WEDDING CEREMONY, A GLASS JAR IS THROWN TOWARD THE SUN--AND WHEN IT FALLS EACH OF THE GUESTS RUSHES FORWARD TO PICK UP A BROKEN PIECE, IN THE BELIEF IT WILL BRING HIM GOOD LUCK IN THE DAYS TO COME...



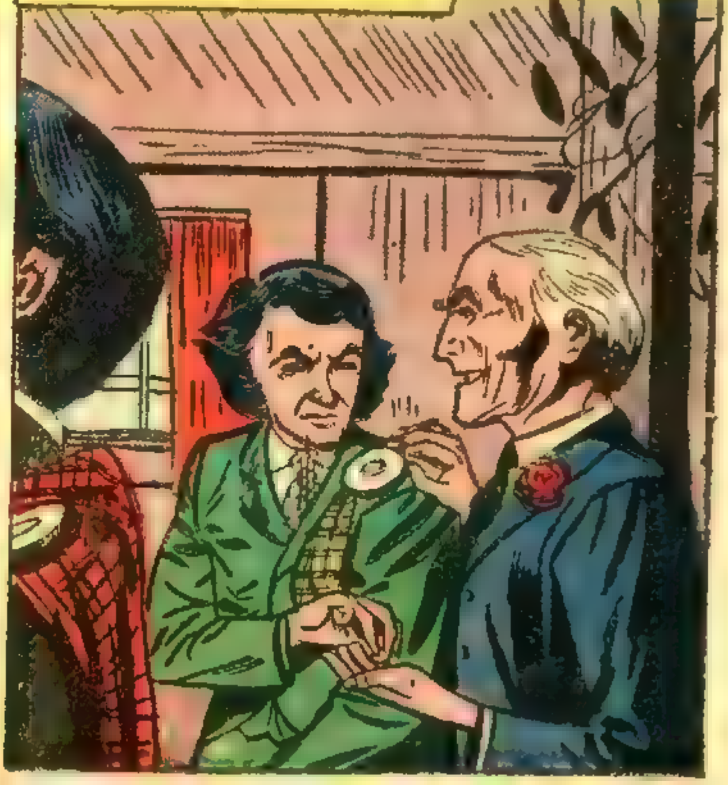
IN FRANCE, YEARS AGO, WHEN THE MOMENT ARRIVED FOR THE GROOM TO PRESENT HIS BRIDE WITH THE WEDDING RING, SHE "CLUMSILY" LET IT FALL TO THE GROUND, TRUSTING BY THIS MANEUVER SHE WOULD BREAK ANY EVIL SPELL THAT MIGHT TEND TO BRING UNHAPPINESS TO HER MARRIED LIFE...



BEFORE A BRIDE DEPARTED FOR HER WEDDING IN THE THURINGIA PROVINCE OF GERMANY, IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR HER FATHER TO PLACE A PIECE OF RICE BREAD IN ONE OF HER GLOVES AND A TINY THORN TWIG IN THE OTHER. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE BREAD WOULD INSURE HER AGAINST POVERTY AND THE TWIG PREVENT HER FROM BEING UNFAIRLY PUNISHED BY HER HUSBAND...



GUESTS WHO ATTENDED A SCOTTISH WEDDING AND NEGLECTED TO BRING A GIFT, WERE TAPPED ON THE SHOULDER BY THE BRIDE'S FATHER AS A REMINDER THAT AN IMMEDIATE CONTRIBUTION WAS EXPECTED...

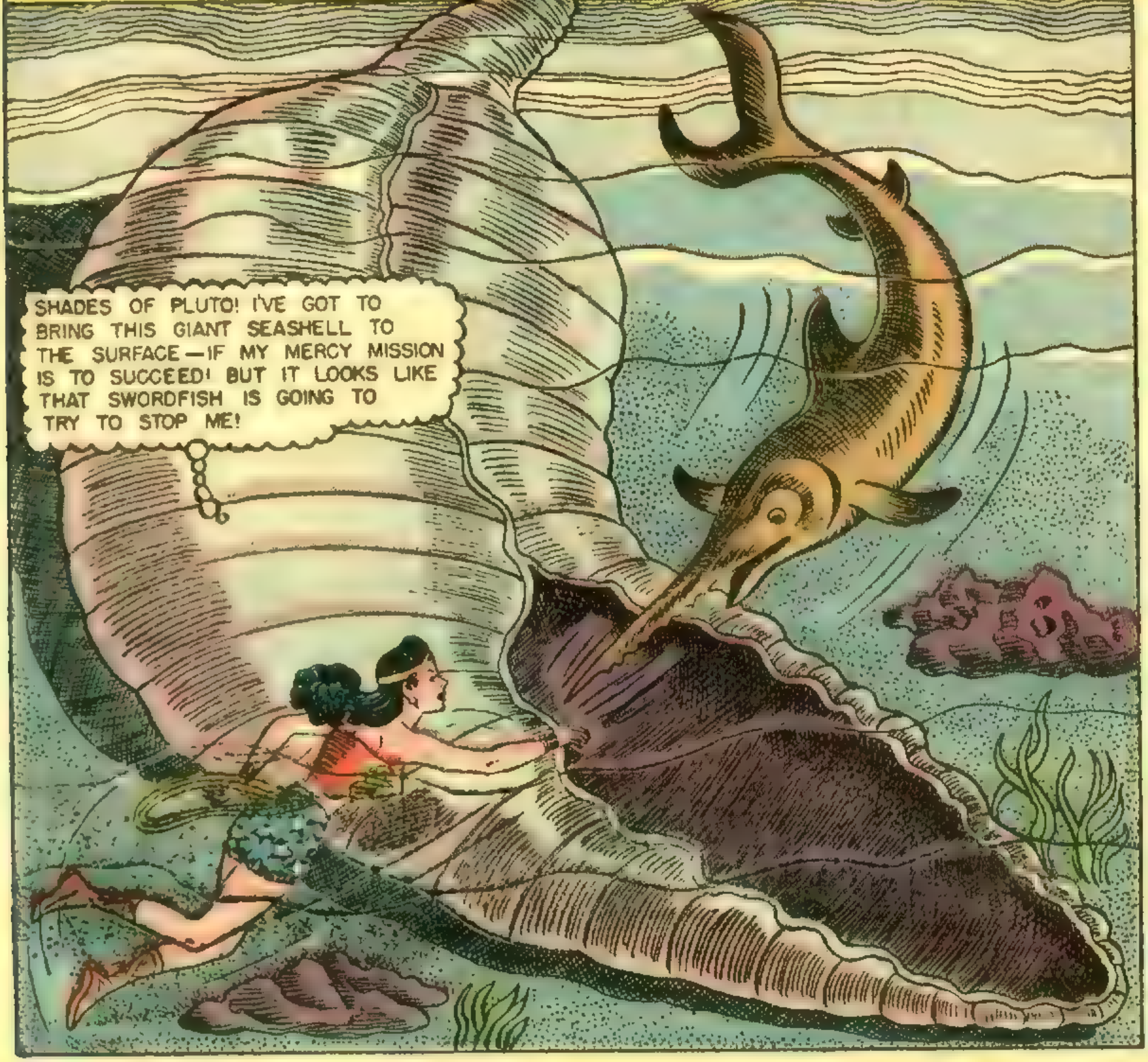


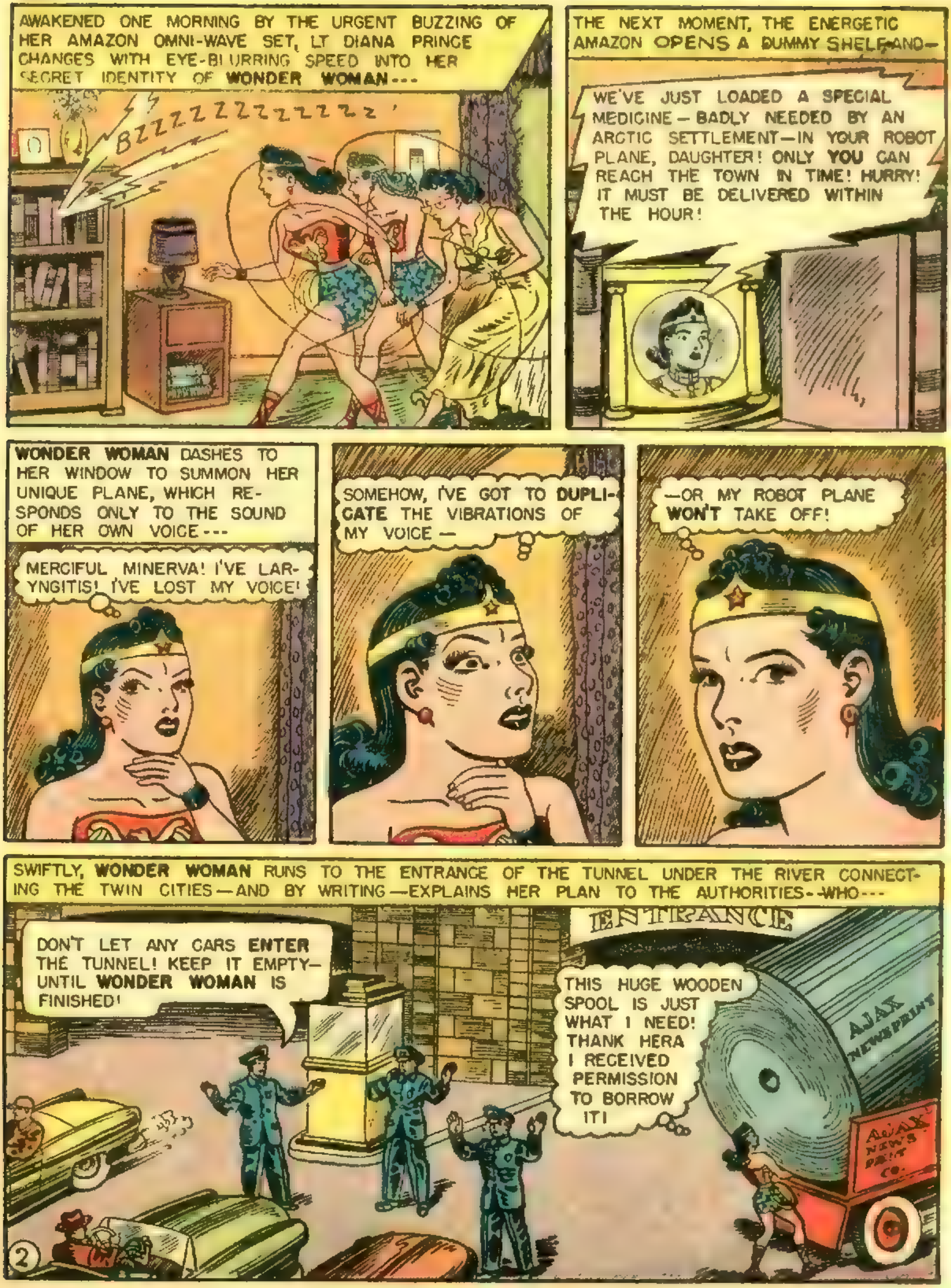
Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

ANYTHING WE WOULD TELL YOU ABOUT THIS AMAZING TALE WOULD ROB YOU OF ITS STUNNING SURPRISE! SO, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, HERE IS **WONDER WOMAN**—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—IN THE MOST ASTONISHING ADVENTURE OF HER CAREER------

"The SILENT SOS!"


SHADES OF PLUTO! I'VE GOT TO BRING THIS GIANT SEASHELL TO THE SURFACE—IF MY MERCY MISSION IS TO SUCCEED! BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT SWORDFISH IS GOING TO TRY TO STOP ME!


AWAKENED ONE MORNING BY THE URGENT BUZZING OF HER AMAZON OMNI-WAVE SET, LT DIANA PRINCE CHANGES WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF **WONDER WOMAN**---
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
THE NEXT MOMENT, THE ENERGETIC AMAZON OPENS A DUMMY SHELF-AND—
WE'VE JUST LOADED A SPECIAL MEDICINE — BADLY NEEDED BY AN ARCTIC SETTLEMENT — IN YOUR ROBOT PLANE, DAUGHTER! ONLY **YOU** CAN REACH THE TOWN IN TIME! HURRY! IT MUST BE DELIVERED WITHIN THE HOUR!
WONDER WOMAN DASHES TO HER WINDOW TO SUMMON HER UNIQUE PLANE, WHICH RESPONDS ONLY TO THE SOUND OF HER OWN VOICE---
MERCIFUL MINERVA! I'VE LARYNGITIS! I'VE LOST MY VOICE!
SOMEHOW, I'VE GOT TO **DUPLICATE** THE VIBRATIONS OF MY VOICE —
—OR MY ROBOT PLANE **WON'T** TAKE OFF!
SWIFTLY, **WONDER WOMAN** RUNS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE TUNNEL UNDER THE RIVER CONNECTING THE TWIN CITIES — AND BY WRITING — EXPLAINS HER PLAN TO THE AUTHORITIES--WHO---
ENTRANCE
DON'T LET ANY CARS **ENTER** THE TUNNEL! KEEP IT EMPTY— UNTIL **WONDER WOMAN** IS FINISHED!
THIS HUGE WOODEN SPOOL IS JUST WHAT I NEED! THANK HERA I RECEIVED PERMISSION TO BORROW IT!
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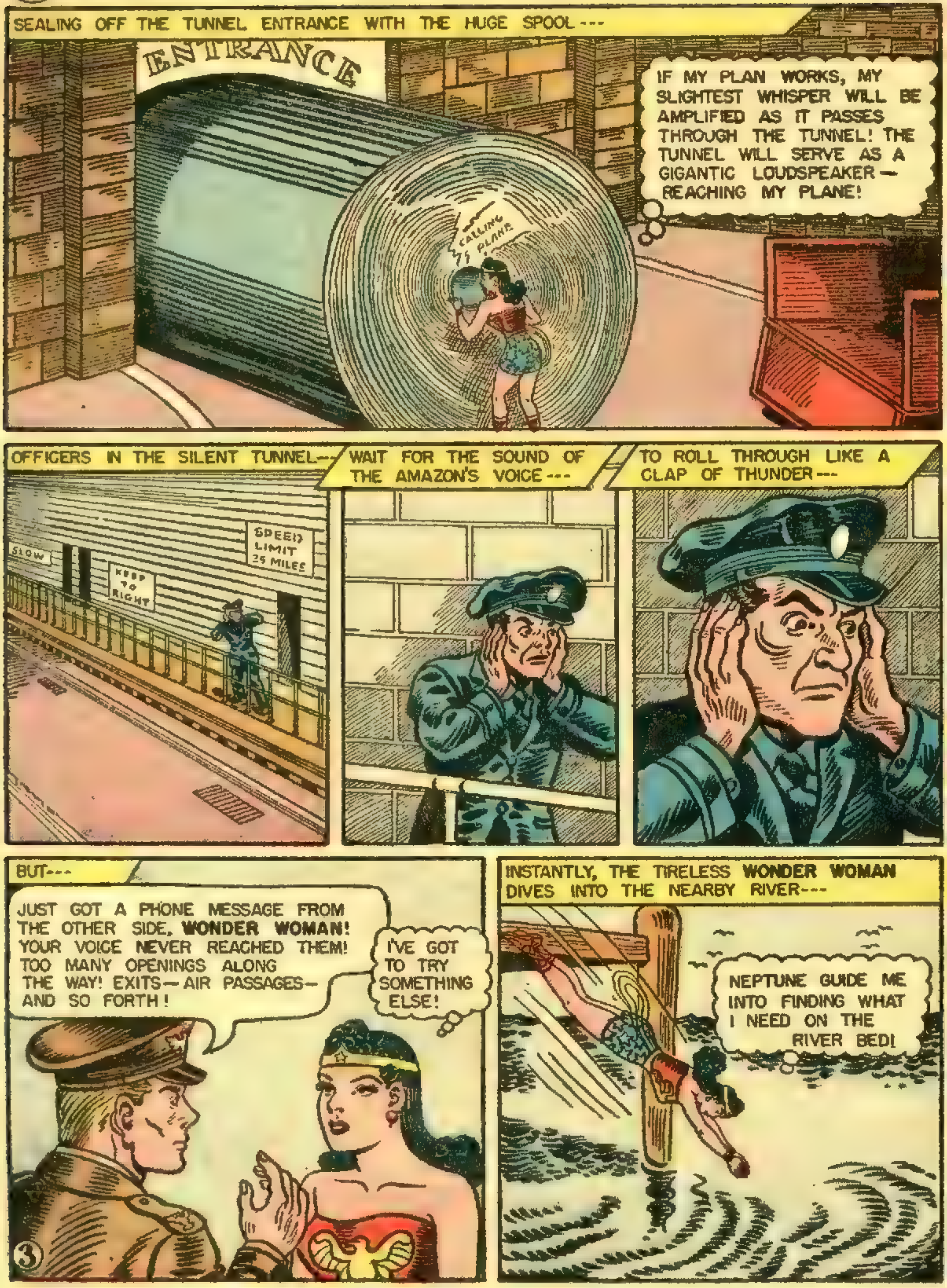
SEALING OFF THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE WITH THE HUGE SPOOL---
ENTRANCE
IF MY PLAN WORKS, MY SLIGHTEST WHISPER WILL BE AMPLIFIED AS IT PASSES THROUGH THE TUNNEL! THE TUNNEL WILL SERVE AS A GIGANTIC LOUDSPEAKER — REACHING MY PLANE!
CALLING PLANE
OFFICERS IN THE SILENT TUNNEL---
SLOW
KEEP TO RIGHT
SPEED LIMIT 25 MILES
WAIT FOR THE SOUND OF THE AMAZON'S VOICE---
TO ROLL THROUGH LIKE A CLAP OF THUNDER---
BUT---
JUST GOT A PHONE MESSAGE FROM THE OTHER SIDE, WONDER WOMAN! YOUR VOICE NEVER REACHED THEM! TOO MANY OPENINGS ALONG THE WAY! EXITS— AIR PASSAGES— AND SO FORTH!
I'VE GOT TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE!
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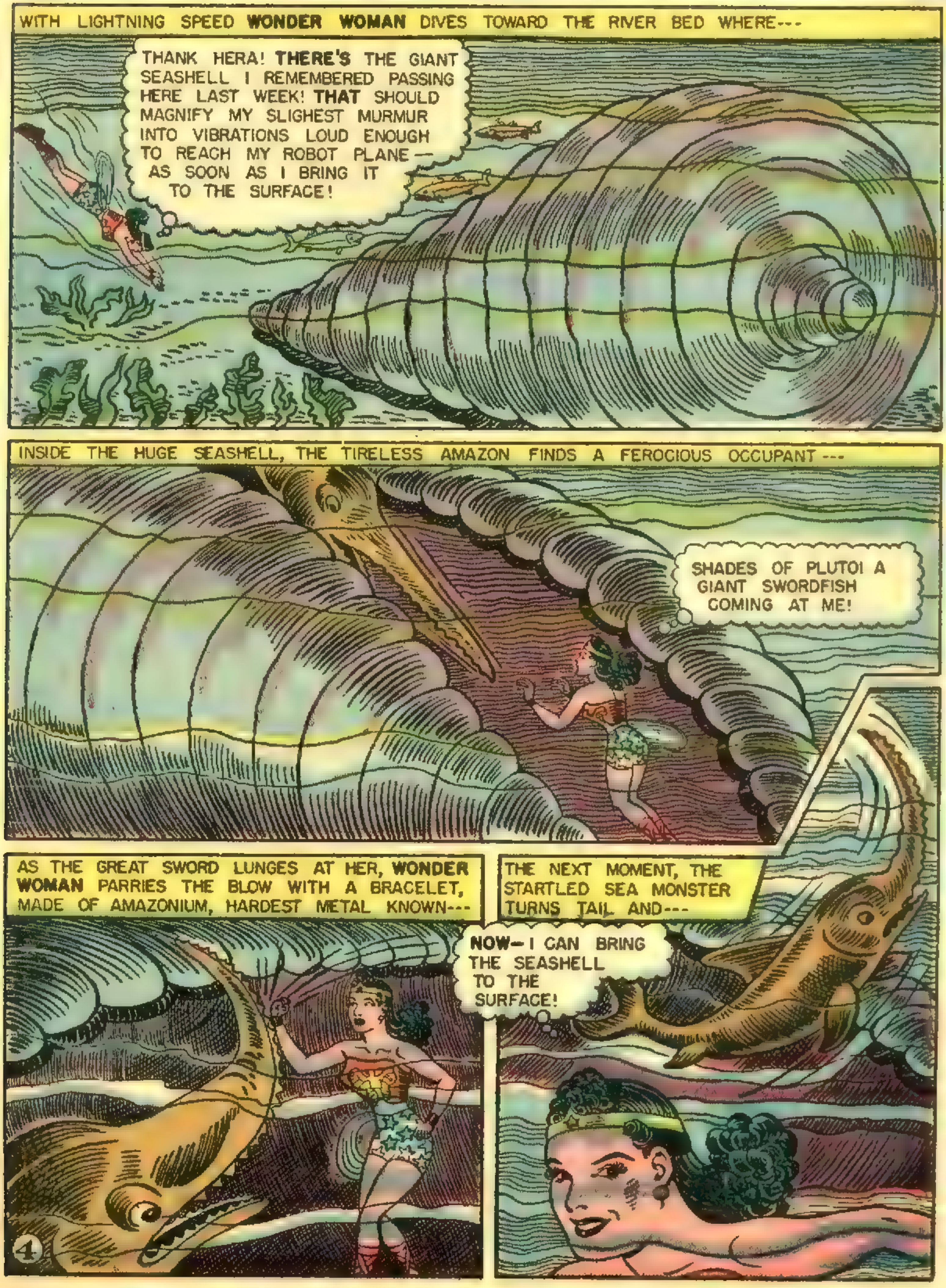
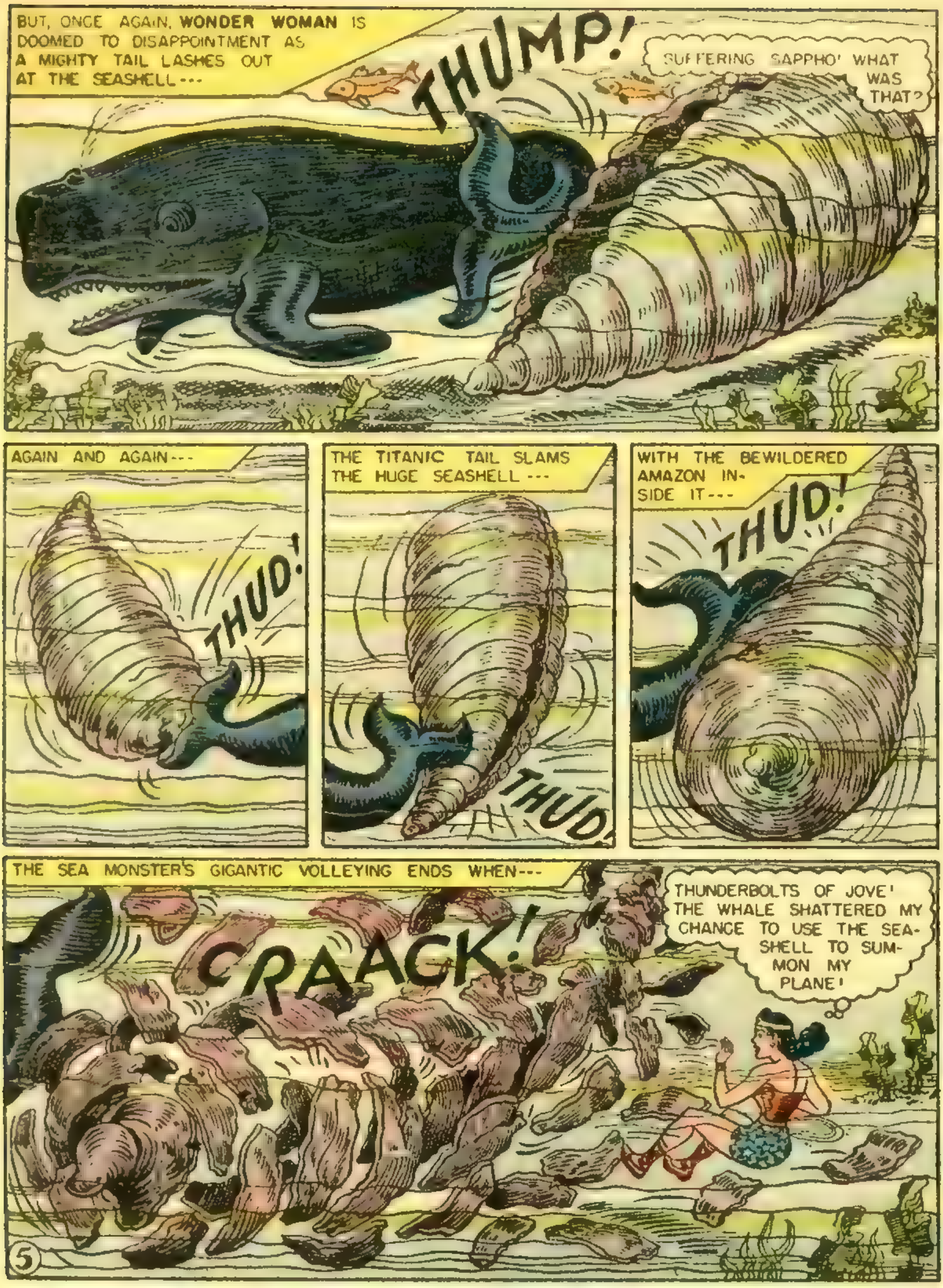
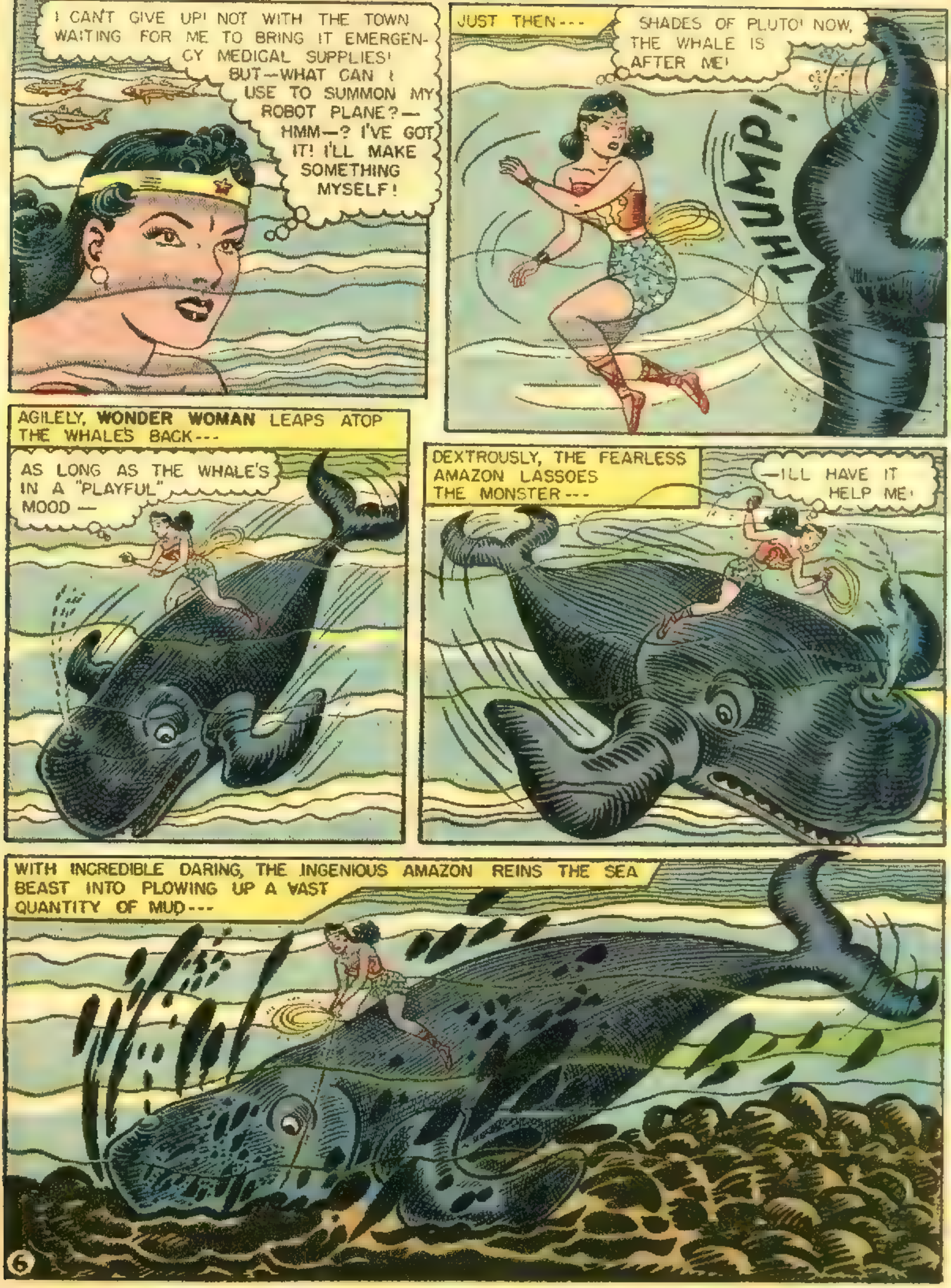
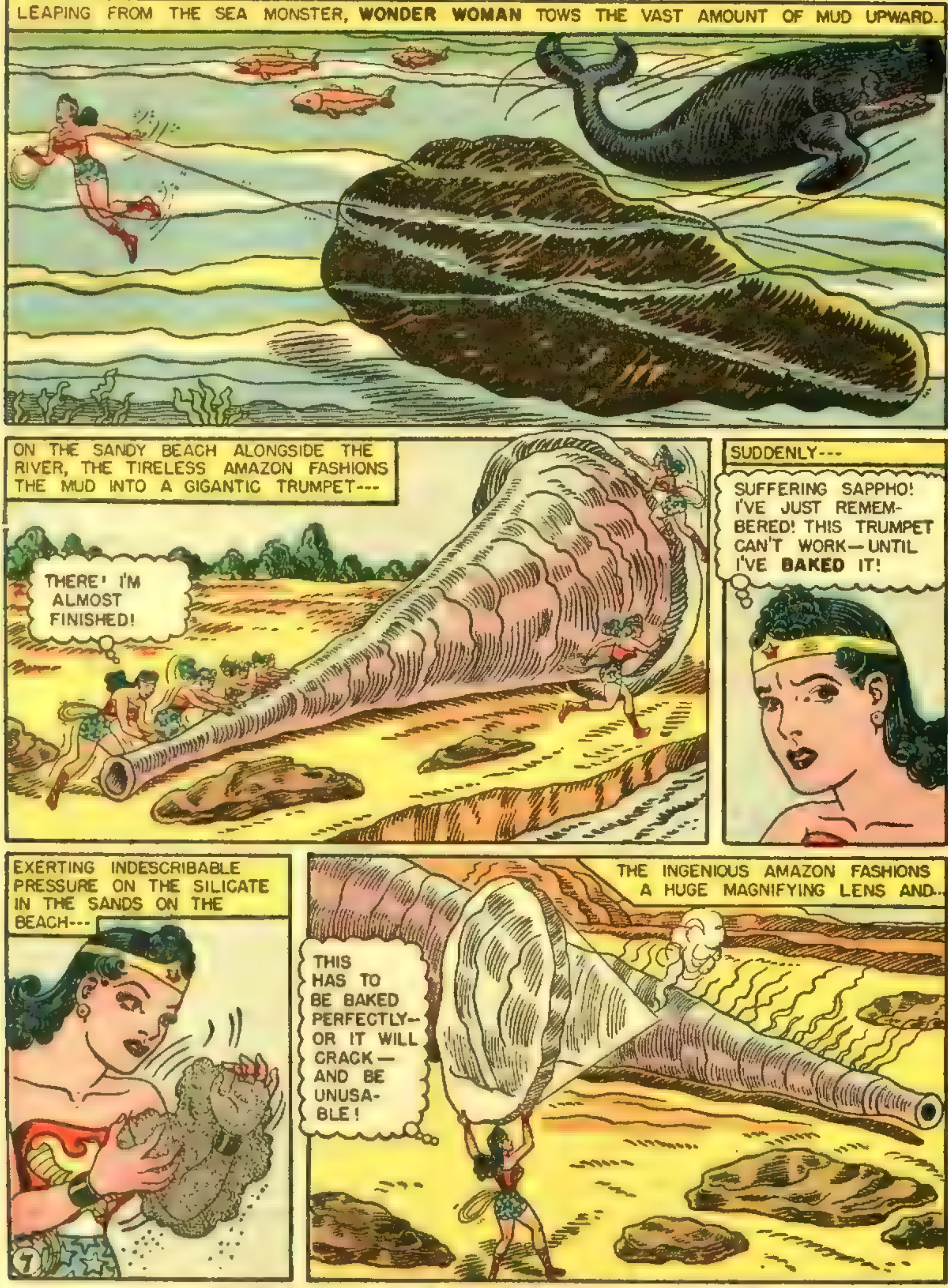
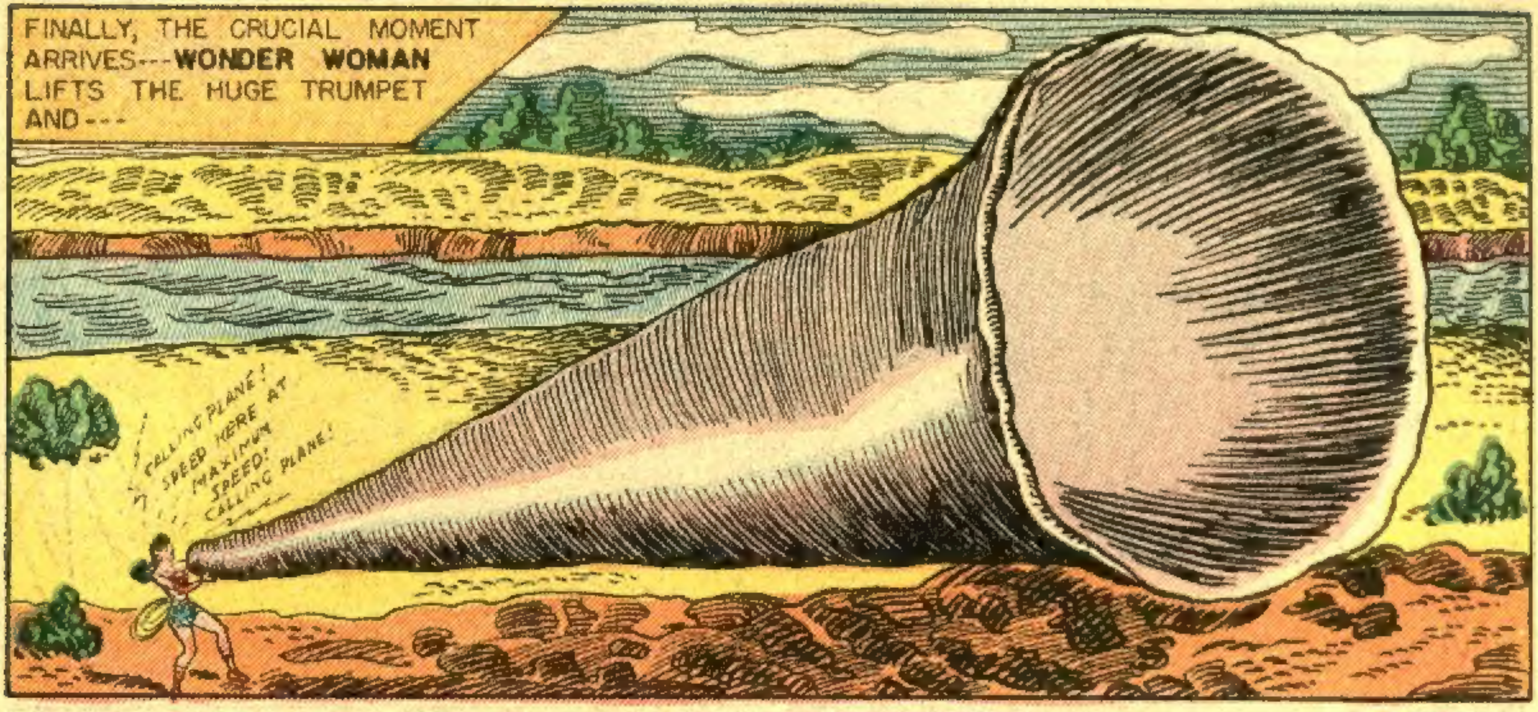
INSTANTLY, THE TIRELESS WONDER WOMAN DIVES INTO THE NEARBY RIVER---
NEPTUNE GUIDE ME INTO FINDING WHAT I NEED ON THE RIVER BED!

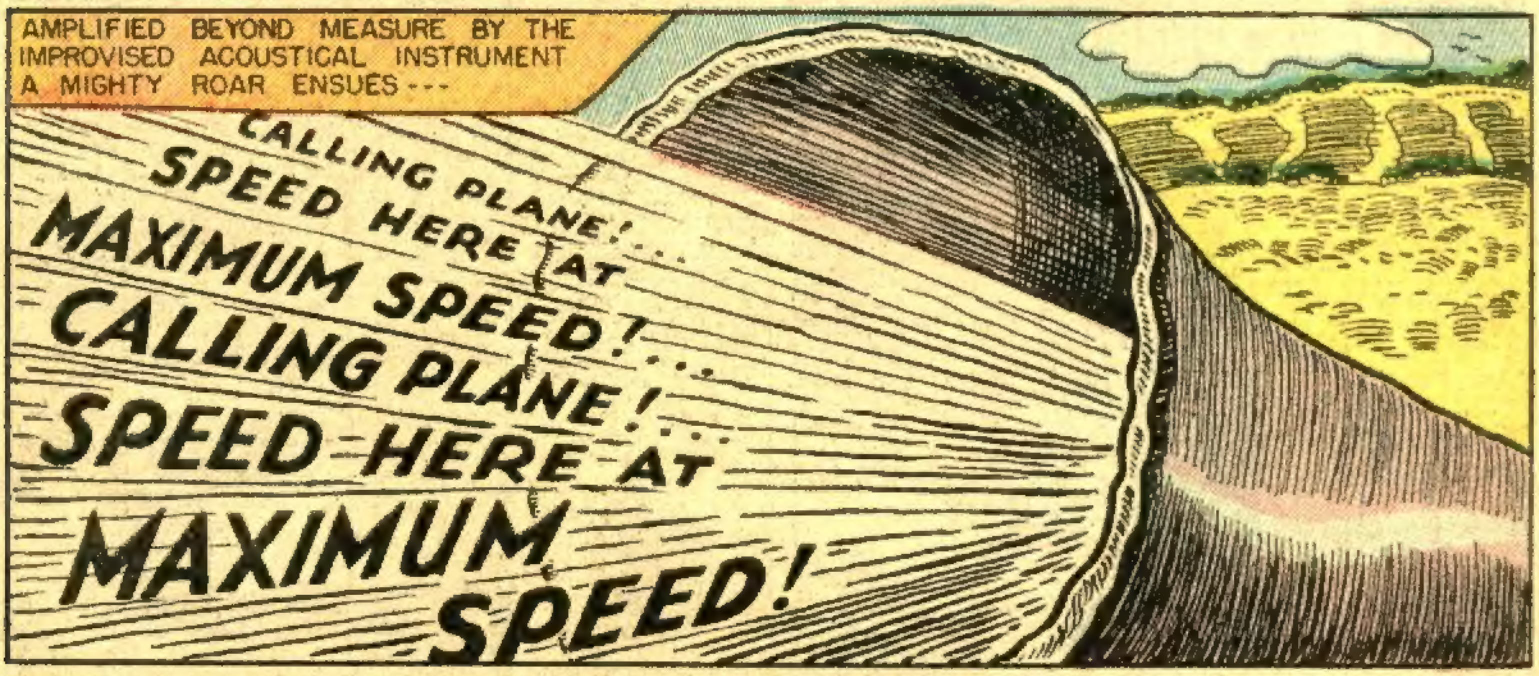

WITH LIGHTNING SPEED **WONDER WOMAN** DIVES TOWARD THE RIVER BED WHERE---
THANK HERA! **THERE'S** THE GIANT SEASHELL I REMEMBERED PASSING HERE LAST WEEK! **THAT** SHOULD MAGNIFY MY SLIGHEST MURMUR INTO VIBRATIONS LOUD ENOUGH TO REACH MY ROBOT PLANE — AS SOON AS I BRING IT TO THE SURFACE!
INSIDE THE HUGE SEASHELL, THE TIRELESS AMAZON FINDS A FEROCIOUS OCCUPANT ---
SHADES OF PLUTO! A GIANT SWORDFISH COMING AT ME!
AS THE GREAT SWORD LUNGES AT HER, **WONDER WOMAN** PARRIES THE BLOW WITH A BRACELET, MADE OF AMAZONIUM, HARDEST METAL KNOWN---
THE NEXT MOMENT, THE STARTLED SEA MONSTER TURNS TAIL AND---
NOW— I CAN BRING THE SEASHELL TO THE SURFACE!

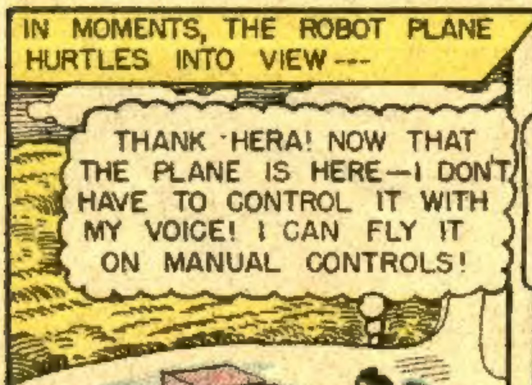

BUT, ONCE AGAIN, WONDER WOMAN IS DOOMED TO DISAPPOINTMENT AS A MIGHTY TAIL LASHES OUT AT THE SEASHELL---
THUMP!
SUFFERING SAPPHO! WHAT WAS THAT?
AGAIN AND AGAIN---
THUD!
THE TITANIC TAIL SLAMS THE HUGE SEASHELL---
THUD!
WITH THE BEWILDERED AMAZON INSIDE IT---
THUD!
THE SEA MONSTER'S GIGANTIC VOLLEYING ENDS WHEN---
CRAACK!
THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! THE WHALE SHATTERED MY CHANCE TO USE THE SEASHELL TO SUMMON MY PLANE!

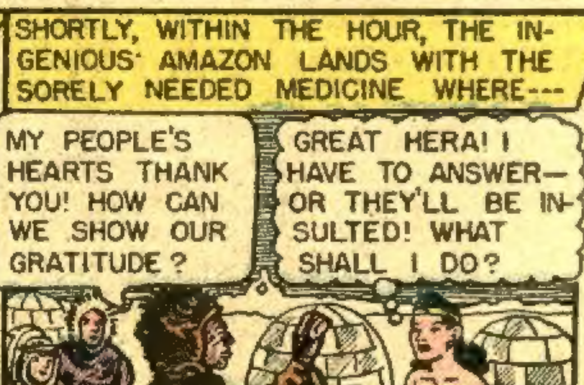

I CAN'T GIVE UP! NOT WITH THE TOWN WAITING FOR ME TO BRING IT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES! BUT—WHAT CAN I USE TO SUMMON MY ROBOT PLANE?—HMM—? I'VE GOT IT! I'LL MAKE SOMETHING MYSELF!
JUST THEN---
SHADES OF PLUTO! NOW, THE WHALE IS AFTER ME!
THUMP!
AGILELY, **WONDER WOMAN** LEAPS ATOP THE WHALE'S BACK---
AS LONG AS THE WHALE'S IN A "PLAYFUL" MOOD —
DEXTROUSLY, THE FEARLESS AMAZON LASSOES THE MONSTER---
—I'LL HAVE IT HELP ME!
WITH INCREDIBLE DARING, THE INGENIOUS AMAZON REINS THE SEA BEAST INTO PLOWING UP A VAST QUANTITY OF MUD---

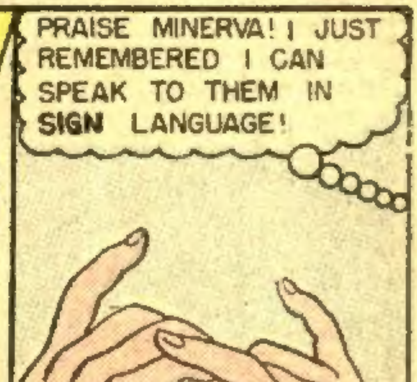

LEAPING FROM THE SEA MONSTER, WONDER WOMAN TOWS THE VAST AMOUNT OF MUD UPWARD...
ON THE SANDY BEACH ALONGSIDE THE RIVER, THE TIRELESS AMAZON FASHIONS THE MUD INTO A GIGANTIC TRUMPET---
THERE! I'M ALMOST FINISHED!
SUDDENLY---
SUFFERING SAPPHO! I'VE JUST REMEMBERED! THIS TRUMPET CAN'T WORK—UNTIL I'VE BAKED IT!
EXERTING INDESCRIBABLE PRESSURE ON THE SILICATE IN THE SANDS ON THE BEACH---
THE INGENIOUS AMAZON FASHIONS A HUGE MAGNIFYING LENS AND...
THIS HAS TO BE BAKED PERFECTLY—OR IT WILL CRACK—AND BE UNUSABLE!


FINALLY, THE CRUCIAL MOMENT ARRIVES---**WONDER WOMAN** LIFTS THE HUGE TRUMPET AND---
CALLING PLANE! SPEED HERE AT MAXIMUM SPEED! CALLING PLANE!

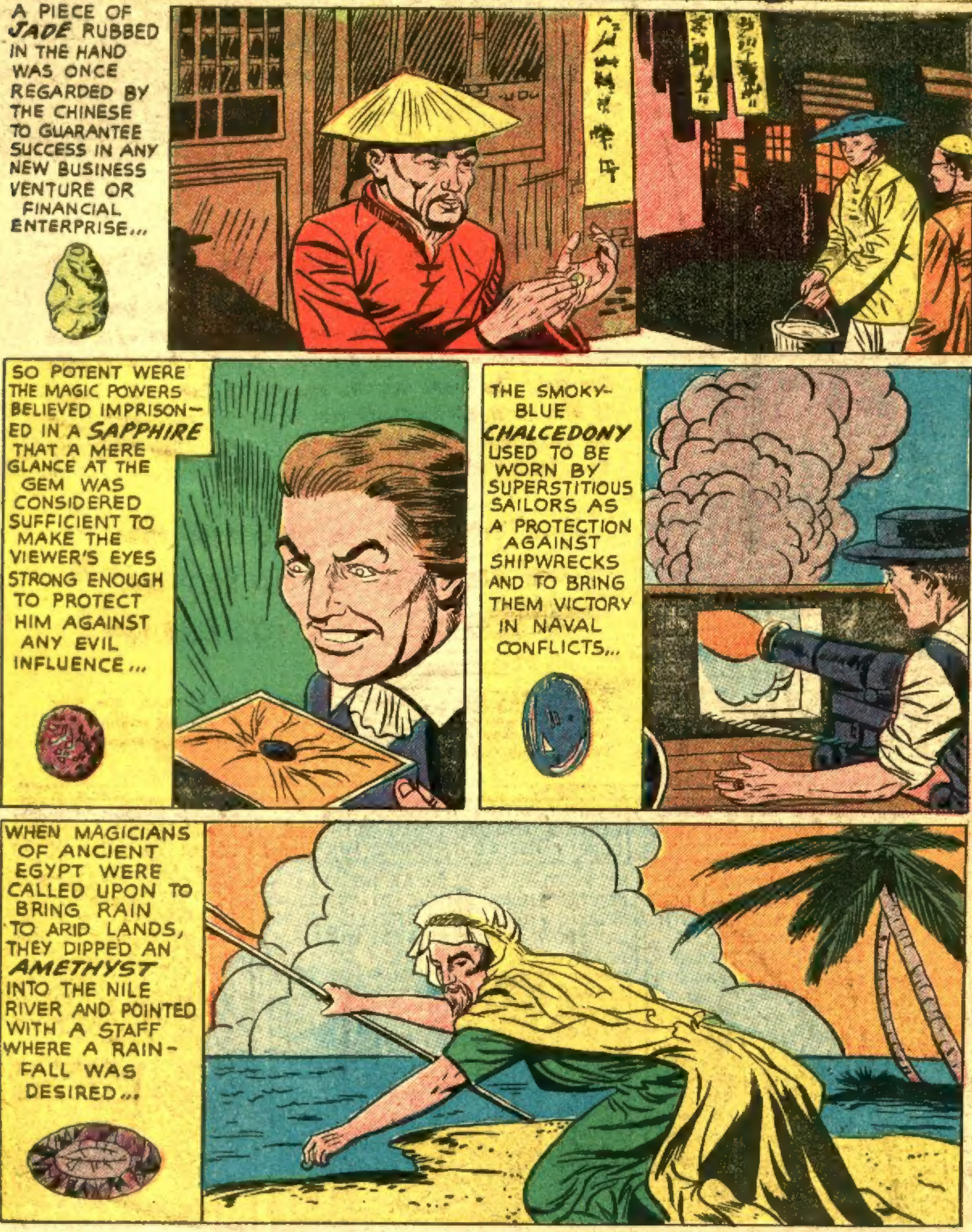

AMPLIFIED BEYOND MEASURE BY THE IMPROVISED ACOUSTICAL INSTRUMENT A MIGHTY ROAR ENSUES---
CALLING PLANE!... SPEED HERE AT MAXIMUM SPEED!... CALLING PLANE!... SPEED HERE AT MAXIMUM SPEED!


IN MOMENTS, THE ROBOT PLANE HURTLES INTO VIEW---
THANK HERA! NOW THAT THE PLANE IS HERE—I DON'T HAVE TO CONTROL IT WITH MY VOICE! I CAN FLY IT ON MANUAL CONTROLS!


SHORTLY, WITHIN THE HOUR, THE INGENIOUS AMAZON LANDS WITH THE SORELY NEEDED MEDICINE WHERE---
MY PEOPLE'S HEARTS THANK YOU! HOW CAN WE SHOW OUR GRATITUDE?
GREAT HERA! I HAVE TO ANSWER—OR THEY'LL BE INSULTED! WHAT SHALL I DO?


PRAISE MINERVA! I JUST REMEMBERED I CAN SPEAK TO THEM IN **SIGN** LANGUAGE!
END

Gems of Destiny!



A PIECE OF *JADE* RUBBED IN THE HAND WAS ONCE REGARDED BY THE CHINESE TO GUARANTEE SUCCESS IN ANY NEW BUSINESS VENTURE OR FINANCIAL ENTERPRISE...

SO POTENT WERE THE MAGIC POWERS BELIEVED IMPRISONED IN A *SAPPHIRE* THAT A MERE GLANCE AT THE GEM WAS CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO MAKE THE VIEWER'S EYES STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT HIM AGAINST ANY EVIL INFLUENCE...

THE SMOKY-BLUE *CHALCEDONY* USED TO BE WORN BY SUPERSTITIOUS SAILORS AS A PROTECTION AGAINST SHIPWRECKS AND TO BRING THEM VICTORY IN NAVAL CONFLICTS...

WHEN MAGICIANS OF ANCIENT EGYPT WERE CALLED UPON TO BRING RAIN TO ARID LANDS, THEY DIPPED AN *AMETHYST* INTO THE NILE RIVER AND POINTED WITH A STAFF WHERE A RAINFALL WAS DESIRED...

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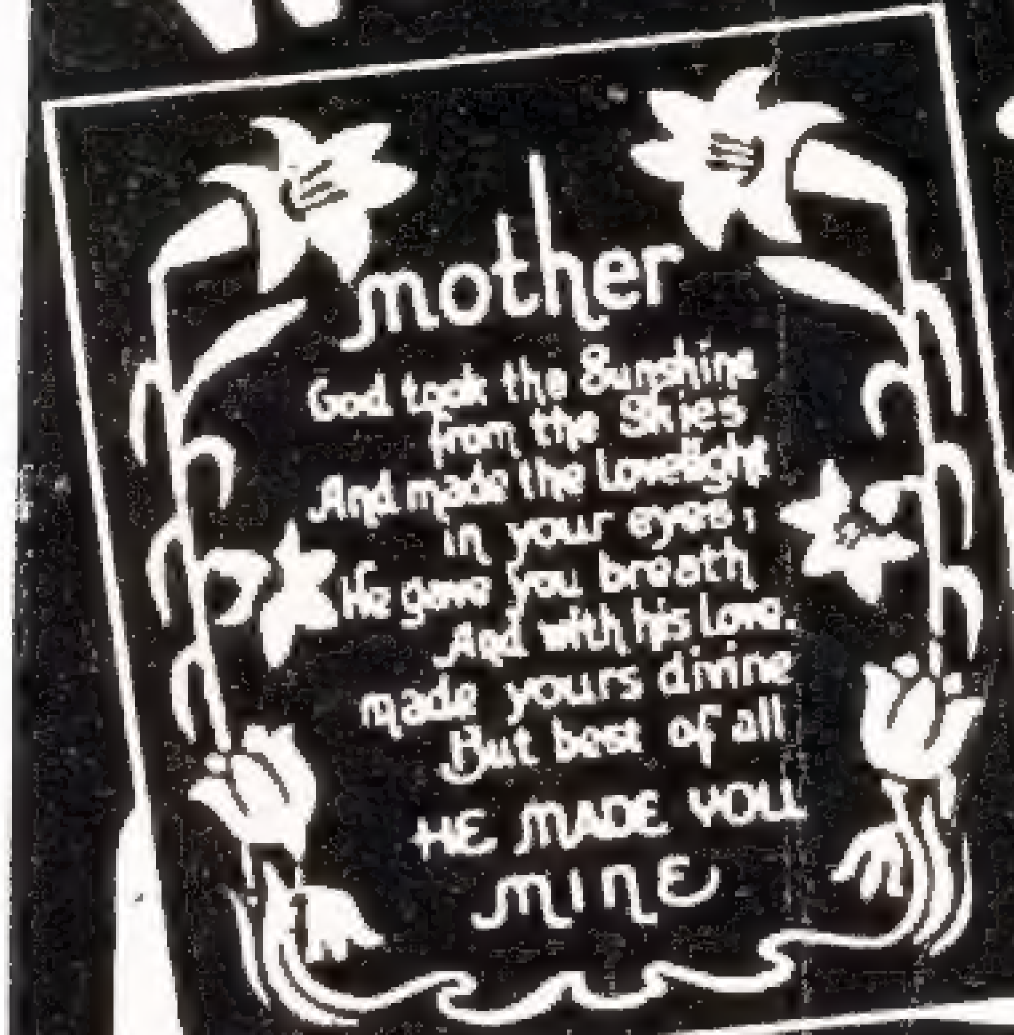
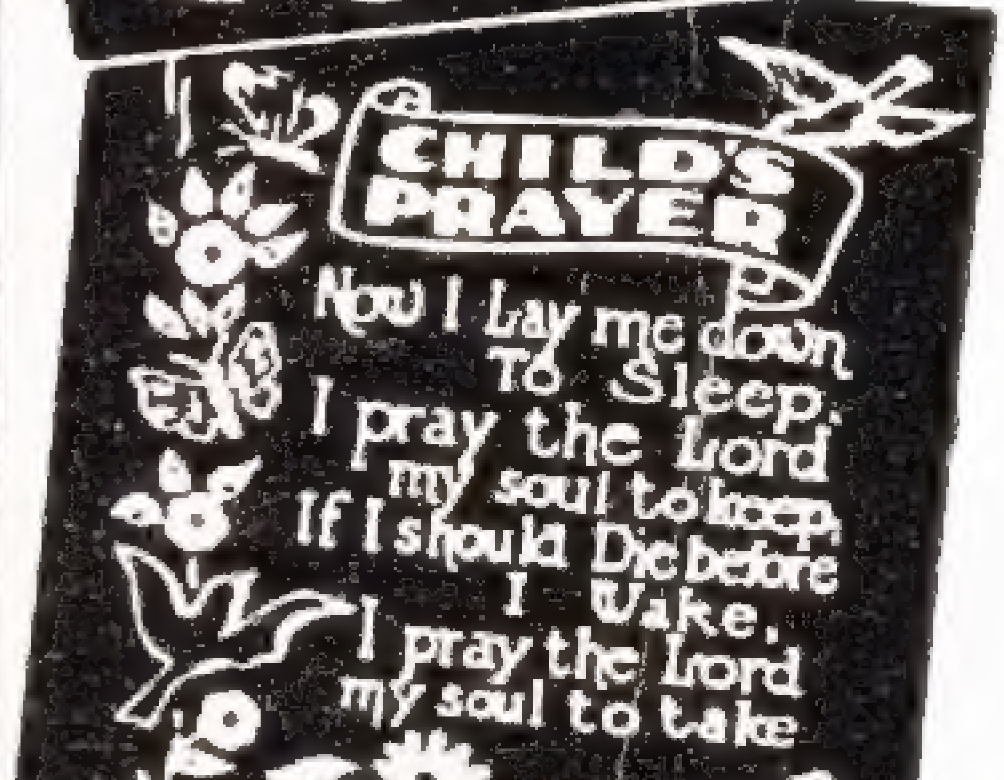
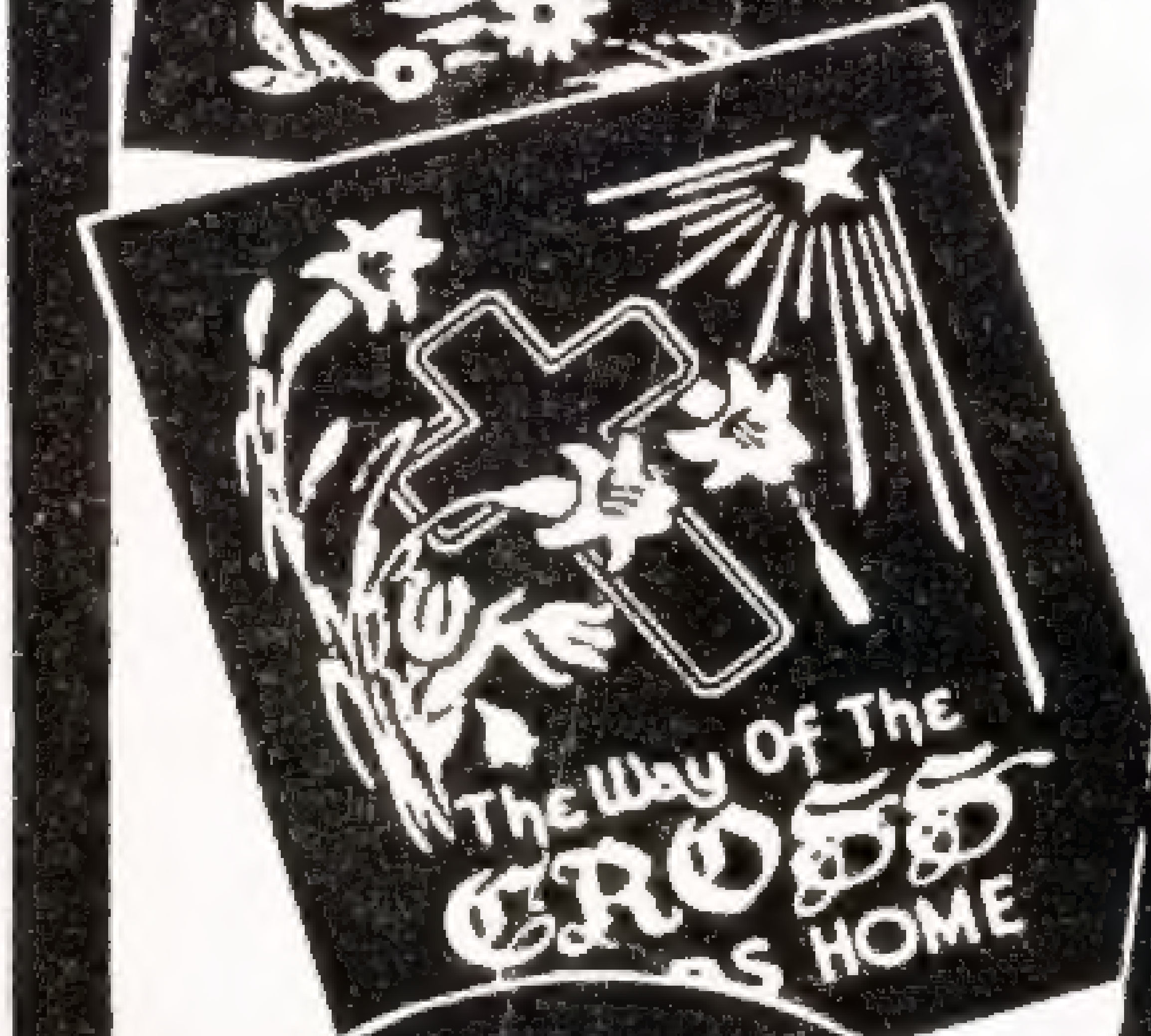

mother
God took the Sunshine from the Skies
And made the Lovelight in your eyes;
He gave you breath
And with his Love,
made yours divine
But best of all
HE MADE YOU MINE


CHILD'S PRAYER
Now I Lay me down To Sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,
If I should Die before I Wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take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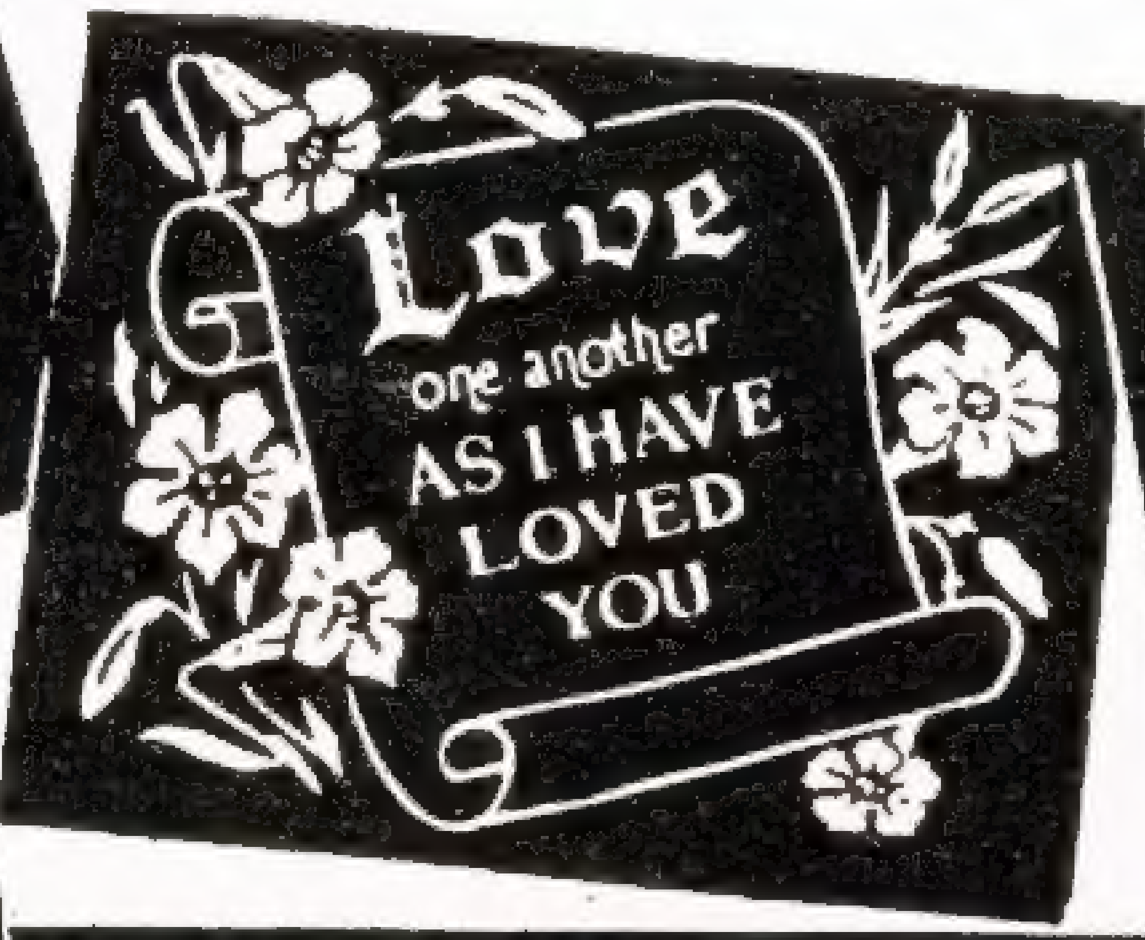
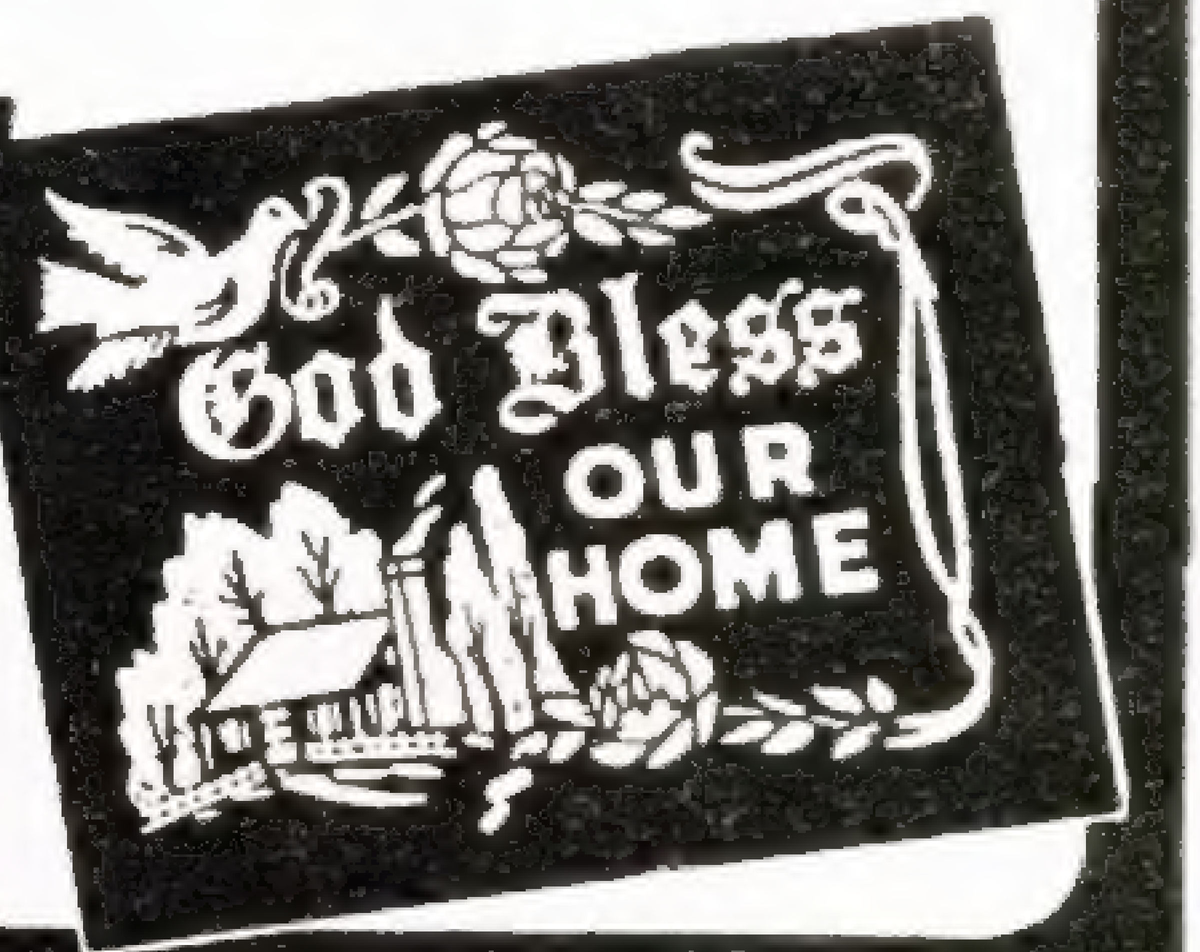

Love
one another
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU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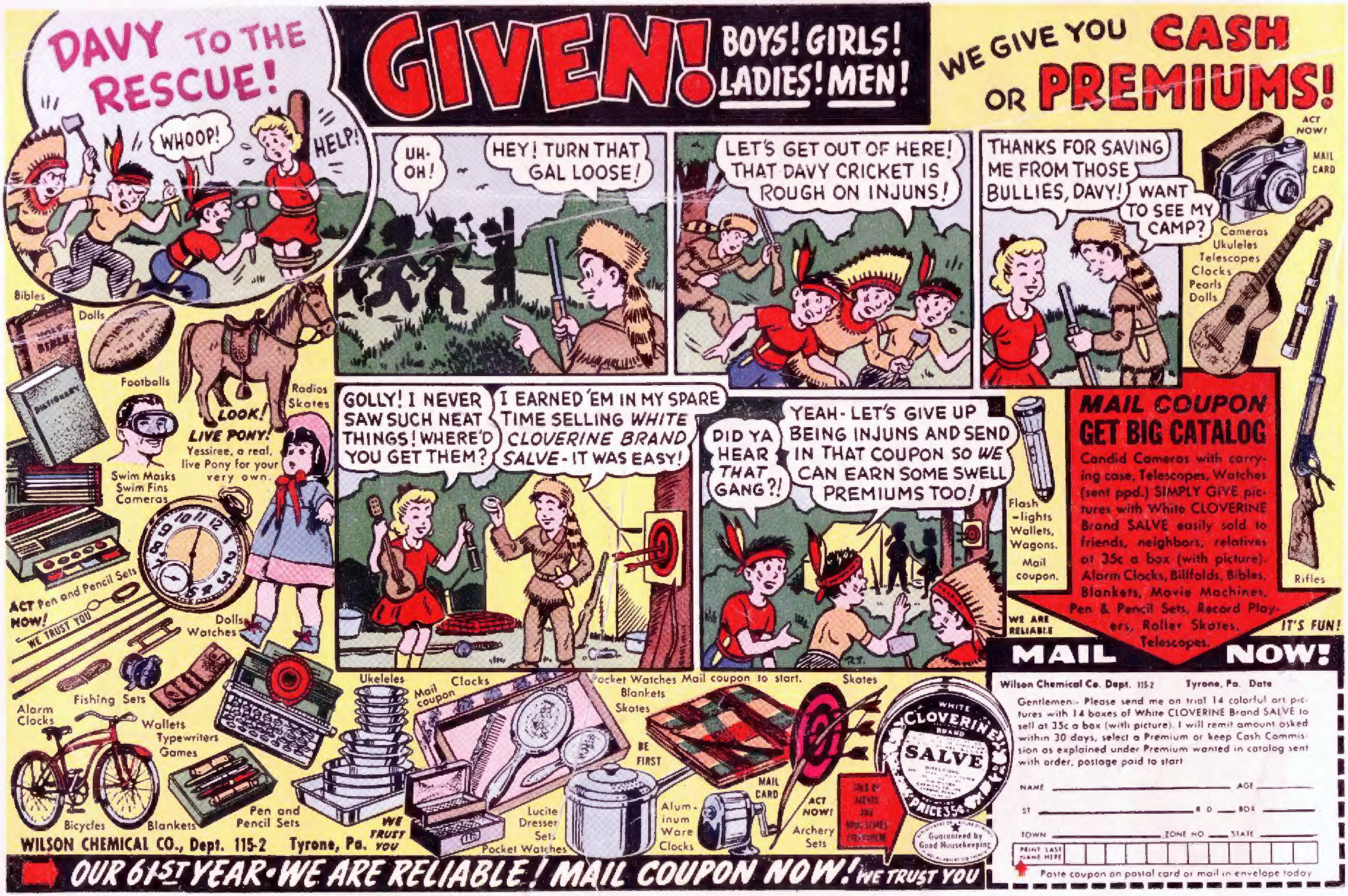
DAVY TO THE RESCUE!
WHOOP!
HELP!
GIVEN! BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!
WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!
UH-OH!
HEY! TURN THAT GAL LOOSE!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! THAT DAVY CRICKET IS ROUGH ON INJUNS!
THANKS FOR SAVING ME FROM THOSE BULLIES, DAVY!
WANT TO SEE MY CAMP?
GOLLY! I NEVER SAW SUCH NEAT THINGS! WHERE'D YOU GET THEM?
I EARNED 'EM IN MY SPARE TIME SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE - IT WAS EASY!
DID YA HEAR THAT GANG?!
YEAH - LET'S GIVE UP BEING INJUNS AND SEND IN THAT COUPON SO WE CAN EARN SOME SWELL PREMIUMS TOO!
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